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A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

January 17, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith table of distances from Philadelphia to certain towns, to which standard silver dollars have been shipped by your Mint to guide you in making payments for the same.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. & Mint,
Carson.

Jan'y 17, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of December at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

3 Eagles	\$ 30.00
1 Half Eagle	5.00
3 Standard Silver Dollars	3.00
Total	38.00

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Jan'y 17, 1882

Sir:

I enclose a letter from E. W. Stahl, asking if mutilated silver coins will be received at the Mint in small amounts which I forward for you to answer him.

In regard to the subject, I have to say, that

the withdrawal of mutilated silver coins from circulation would be a public advantage, and should be facilitated by the Mint so far as can conveniently and consistently be done.

The instructions in regard to the purchase of silver bullion for coinage at the Mints (page 10) and the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury have not fixed the minimum amount which may be purchased by the Superintendents of the Mints in lots of less than ten thousand ounces and purchases of lots from ten to one hundred dollars, are frequently reported.

I will thank you for an expression of your views as to whether any and what minimum amount of silver bullion a Superintendent of the Mint should be authorized to receive on a purchase for coinage and, secondly, whether mutilated American silver could be safely transferred to the Meller and Refiner without melting into a bar and whether a melting charge on such coin should be remitted. While the first paragraph of the Instructions authorizes, it does not require the Superintendent to refuse to purchase silver bullion of less than one hundred dollars value, but seems to leave the amount of a purchase not exceeding ten thousand ounces discretionary with him.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Mark L. De Motte
House of Representatives

Jan'y 17. 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 14th. inst. is received. I regret that I am unable to furnish you a number of copies of my report on the Production of Gold and Silver,

as those intended for distribution were ordered for the use of the House and Senate, and those assigned to me were intended to supply miners and others furnishing information for use in compiling the statistics of production.

If you should fail to obtain from a Senator or Member of the House a copy specially requested by a constituent or a friend, I will furnish you a copy.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James B. Thomson, Esq.
No. 121, Quincy St.
Brooklyn N. Y.

January 17, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 16th. inst. is received and I enclose herewith a copy of the Circular estimating the values of Foreign coins in United States money.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Miss. Cady & Walworth.
No 36, East 14th St.,
New York, N. Y.

January 17, 1882

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 14th. inst. I send you herewith copy of Circular estimating the values of Foreign coins in United States money.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. Tung Wing,
 Hartford Conn.
 Sir:

January 17, 1882.

I have received your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing a draft for \$250.00, with the request that I furnish you with certain coins, bonds, etc.

I shall take pleasure in complying at an early date.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt Mint U. S.
 San Francisco.

Jan. 17, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant enclosing report of Store-keeper of supplies received and issued during the six months ending Decr 31st, 1881, and inventory of supplies on hand January 1st, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Ellet C. Jewett, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 17, 1882.

Sir

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Book, Gold Mint Receipts # 7, G.
 One Book Silver " " # 8, G.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

January 17, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

12 Books Ship Clerks Record

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Jan'y 17, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Index Book

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan'y 18, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

300 Computation Books.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Jan. 18. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Registers of Remittance received for minor coins,

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

January 18. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Statements of Deposits & Purchase of Gold & Silver
Bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

January 18. 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts, of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month ending December 31st, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

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A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia Pa.

January 18, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery & Standard Silver Mol. Ex. accounts for the month ending December 31st 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

Jan'y 18, 1882

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, for the month ending December 31, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Jan'y 18, 1882

Sir

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December 31st 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

P. B. Harrison, Esq.,

January 18, 1882

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31st, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

January 18, 1882

Supt Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 31st, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

January 18, 1882.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have to inform you that the First Comptroller is holding your requisition for funds for the month of January 1882, by reason of the non-remittance of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of December 1881, and because the balance due from you on account of advances made for the support of your Mint exceeds the amount of your bond.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nev.

Jan'y 18. 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31st, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mrs C. M. Burchard

No. 513, Pine St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 18. 1882

Madam:

Yours of the 16th, inst. is received. The services of your husband in the war and the straightened circumstances in which you have been left entitle your application for a position in the Philadelphia Mint to consideration, but all appointments in the Mints are vested by law in the officers in charge. The applications are very numerous, and probably no vacancies exist.

I must refer you to Colonel Snowden, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, who will give your request for a position such consideration as he is able.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon J. Scoville,

House of Reps.

Jan'y 18. 1882

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 14th inst. asking

how many copies of my book on the Production of the Precious Metals have been furnished to Members of Congress, I have to say, that 11,000 copies were ordered printed for distribution by the Members of the last Congress, and the quota assigned to your District has been delivered, through the Folding Room, to you or your predecessor.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Chas. H. Miller, Esq.,
No. 200 Broadway Room 7,
New York, N.Y.

January 18, 1882.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 17th. inst. I mail you a copy of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals. Dr. Adolph Sortien's work on the Statistics of Precious Metals Production in the years 1876, to 1880, contains the latest information on the subject of the Production of South America, concerning which you inquire, but he bases his statements in great part upon the information contained in my Annual reports.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. S. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans, La.

January 18, 1882.

Sir:

Your personal note of the 18th. inst. is received. The papers and recommendations for the appointment of Coiner at the New Orleans Mint have all been submitted to the President, and he and

the Secretary have been advised that it is desirable that the office should be filled at an early date.

Respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Geo. L. Bonaford Esq.,
Oneida National Bank,
Utica N. Y.

Jan'y 18. 1882.

Sir:

In response to your letter to the Treasurer, of the 14th, inst. referred to me, asking if any pamphlet is issued by the Department containing the Revised Statutes regulating the coining and redeeming of the gold and silver coins of the U. S.

I enclose to you a copy of the Instructions issued by this office to the Mints, with which is published the Section of the Revised Statutes relating to the Coinage of Silver coins.

Respectfully,
Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 18. 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 17th, instant, stating that you did not consider you could divide into lots of less than 10,000 ounces, the silver belonging to the Boston and Colorado Smelting Co, and purchase the same at the prices fixed by this office without special authority, I have to state that upon the receipt of the request from the Agent of the Company to divide the silver you could have done so under authority that you have

to purchase lots of less than 10,000 ounces.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

January 18, 1882.

No 520 Arch Street,
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me at what price you will furnish me (1) ton Bertha zinc, to be delivered to the Quartermaster in your city, for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Hon. W. S. Shallenbarger,
House of Representatives.

January 18, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your reference dated the 13th instant, of a letter of Mr D. S. Wilson, requesting to be furnished with statements of the coinage executed at each of the Mints, by calendar years, from Jan 1, 1857 to date.

This Bureau was established in 1873 and its records do not date prior to that time. The statements enclosed, of the coinage executed at the Mints at the Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans and Carson, were obtained some time since by correspondence with the Superintendents of the several Mints. The Superintendent at Philadelphia states that in consequence of the method in which the records had been kept prior to 1866, that a statement by calendar years had been made at the cost of great time and

labor, searching out from each days deliveries during the years 1867-1866.

The Mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega with their records fell into the hands of the Confederacy at the commencement of the rebellion, and I am unable to furnish the amount of coinage executed, except by fiscal years as reported by those institutions to the Director.

In regard to the number of prospects struck by calendar years, and also for information as to whether they were included in the total coinage I refer you to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, this Office having no data showing the same.

The number made are now annually shown by the reports of the Director and they are included in the total coinage, but are reported to this Office only at the close of fiscal years.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Jany, 18, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 481, for \$222⁶⁸ being on account of Alloy Charges during the month of December 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 11th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt Mint U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

January 18, 1882

Sir,

C. D. No. 482, for \$193.⁰⁹, being on account of Melting Charges during the month of December 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt Mint U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

Jan. 18, 1882.

Sir,

C. D. No. 483, for \$17,621.¹⁷, being on account of Refinery Savings during December 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 18, 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Mary S. McKibbin, Adjuster in the Coiners department of your institution, bearing date of the 12th, inst, forwarded with your communication of the 16th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y, 18, 1882

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Thomas Armstrong, laborer in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 14th, inst, forwarded with your communication of the 16th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 18, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint, the bill of the Day for advertising for proposals for pure nickel.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Messrs Houghton Mifflin & Co.
The Riverside Press,
 Cambridge, Mass.

Jan'y 18, 1882

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to request that you renew the subscription of this Office for the Postal Guide for the year 1882.

I am very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Jan. 19, 1882

Prof. Hanna has not reached here on his return.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Jan'y 19, 1882.

My work is delayed for want of your statements of deposits and purchases and domestic production for December. Prepare and forward them immediately.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

Jan. 19, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and eighty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Helmrich & Hansen

San Francisco.

January 19, 1882

Your offers accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
Jas. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall Street, New York.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Jan'y 19, 1882.

Receive from Helmrich and Hanson one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and eighty five hundredths cents per ounce fine and one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau Street

New York.

Jan'y 19, 1882.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 19, 1882

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account with Vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Jan'y 19, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates & for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurers at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of-

Jas. B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at \$11355

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Jos R. Wallonell, Esq.
 Denver
 Col.

Jan'y 19, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th instant requesting information relative to the Verespatek Works in Transylvania.

I send you by current mail a copy of Painter's report on Metallurgy on p. 218, of which reference is made to these works, the annual product of which is said to average 38,760 florins, about \$14,530.

I cannot recall any statistical tables in regard to the mines, but should I do so, I will take pleasure in furnishing you with a reference to them.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

O. J. Hollister, Esq.,
Salt Lake City,
Utah.

January 19, 1882

Sir:

Referring to letter of this Office of January 9th. in regard to the settlement of your account for services in connection with the collection of Mining Statistics, I enclose herewith Treasury Draft No. B. 15992 for Two Hundred Dollars payable to your order.

Please acknowledge the receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 19, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th is received. I enclose you copies of correspondence forwarded by the Treasurer, and his request founded thereon with their reference to me by the Secretary and my reply.

The perusal of these papers, and especially an examination of the Secretary's endorsement, will enable you to understand why I was unwilling to have my statement of a fact construed to be an official order.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. P. Lawver, Esq.,

January 19, 1882

Assayer Mint Bureau
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 25,609 for \$61.⁰⁰, being on account of
our assays during the six months ended December
31st, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the
14th, instant has been received, properly endorsed
and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no
personal credit to be given you in your accounts and
the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a mis-
cellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

January 19, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official have
been mailed you this day, viz:
200 Statements of Coinage #85

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

January 19, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the
Printer for blank Certificates of Silver Purchase and as
requested in your letter of the 12th, inst. 2,000 copies
will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U. S.

New Orleans, La.

January 19, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Joseph A. Nelson, Workman in the Coiners department of your institution, bearing date of the 16th inst. forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

New Orleans.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and ninety-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Denver, Colorado.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and eighty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

New Orleans.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Receive Eighty thousand ounces from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company at one hundred thirteen and eighty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

Carson, Nevada.

January 20, 1882

Offer of John Scott accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th instant transmitting Coiner's Report of Medals and Proof Coins manufactured at your Mint during the quarter ended December 31st 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. A. London Snowden,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philad^a.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of yesterday as to the mode in which the proof coins for the Chinese Government should be mounted in a case, I have to say that I leave it to your taste and judgment.

The request from the Embassy was for "two sets in a suitable case" to lay before the Chinese Government.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

January 20, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending December 31st, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

January 20, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December 31st 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

January 20, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending December 31st, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Londen Snowden, Esq.

January 20, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5481, for \$1,000.00, being on account of Medal Profit Fund during the quarter ending Dec. 31 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 19th, instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Londen Snowden, Esq.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books, Gold + Silver Deposits + Purchases, M + R.

2 Books. Medals re, M + R.

1 Book Assayer's Memoranda of Silver Purchases

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, St Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your accounts of Ordinary Expenses and expenditures made by you on account of fixtures and apparatus during

the six months ended December 31st, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury

Jan'y 20, 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan'y 20, 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Ten ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$2,110.⁷⁵/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin and Fourteen ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$14.⁶⁴/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin making a total of Two Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-five ³⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$2,125.³⁵/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 104, dated Jan. 17, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

January 21, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 fourteen and five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burckhard,
 Director.

Pope Cole & Co

Jan'y 21, 1882

57 South Gay Street
 Baltimore, Md.

Please name lowest rate at which you will de-
 liver ten tons Copper to quartermaster at Chicago
 for shipment to San Francisco Mint.

Horatio C. Burckhard,
 Director.

Merchant & Co. Importers

Jan'y 21, 1882.

525 Arch Street
 Philadelphia

Please name lowest rate at which you will
 deliver twenty tons Bertha Spelter to quarter-
 master at Chicago for shipment to San Francisco
 Mint.

Horatio C. Burckhard,
 Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co

Jan'y 21, 1882.

No 525 Arch St.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish Bertha zinc at
8½ cents per pound is accepted and I will thank
 you to deliver one (1) ton of the same to Captain
G. H. Bradley, Quartermaster U. S. Army in your
 city for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson,
 Nevada, transmitting your account with receipt

of the Quartermaster, to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Capt. G. W. Bradley,
Quartermaster U. S. Army
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 21, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Merchant & Co. to deliver to you one (1) ton of zinc, which I will thank you to receive and ship to the U. S. Mint at Carson Nevada, as provided in general regulations No. 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Col. Rufus Ingalls,
Quartermaster U. S. Army
New York City.

Jan'y 21, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Hensel, Bruckman and Horbacher to deliver to you three (3) cases of machinery which I will thank you to receive and forward to the Mint at San Francisco as provided in general order No. 66 dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Hensel, Bruckman & Horbacher,
No 25 William Street,
New York City.

Jan'y 21, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have your telegram in relation to

three (3) cases machinery for the San Francisco Mint and have to inform you that instructions will be sent to the Collector by telegram on Monday, to admit the same free of duty, and that they be turned over to you for delivery to Col. Rufus Ingalls, Quartermaster U.S. Army, New York City, who has been requested to receive and forward the same to San Francisco.

You will please take the Quartermaster's receipt for the same and forward it with your account in duplicate for any expenses incurred by you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge Assay Office,
 Boise City, Idaho. Jan'y 21, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, of the U.S.
 Philadelphia, Pa. Jan'y 21, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th, inst. submitting three questions relating to the method of keeping your Bullion Accounts was received.

The directions given in my letter of Jan. 17th answer your first question as to what disposition

should be made of bullion deducted for charges on silver bullion for bars.

As to the second question, I now see no objection to keeping the accounts for old minor coins, exchanged for new as you are doing. Should any change hereafter seem desirable, I will advise you.

In reply to the third that the method of keeping the Muller Refiner's Minor Coinage Metal account in ounces, omitting cost, is much simpler, and in harmony with the present method of keeping the Bullion Accounts, and I shall not object to your omitting to charge him with the cost of the metal, unless practical difficulties are hereafter discovered in doing so.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

January 21, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith verified table of distances to which coins, standard silver dollars have been shipped by your Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

J. A. Farnwell, Esq.,
No. 692. W. Washington St.
Chicago, Ills.

January 21, 1882

Sir

Yours of the 9th. inst. is received and I send you herewith a copy of my annual report for

1881.

The Garfield Lincoln Medals may be procured by application to the Supt of the Mint at Philadelphia. Their prices are as follows large gold \$9.~ small gold \$4.00, large silver 60¢, small silver, 25¢.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Col. Frank, Esq.,

January 21, 1882

No 306 North 4th St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to state that on the first and second Thursdays of December 1881, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia was authorized to pay 112.00 cents per ounce fine for silver.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

January 21, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclose herewith bill of the Stationery Division, of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished for the use of your Mint, amounting to \$215.85, which has been approved and referred to the First Auditor for settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses for the support of your Mint during the fiscal year 1882

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Jan'y 21, 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished for the use of your Mint amounting to \$44.⁰³, which has been approved and referred to the First Auditor for settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses for the support of your Mint during the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge,

Denver Mint.

January 21, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished for the use of your Mint amounting to \$12.⁶⁶, which has been approved and referred to the First Auditor for settlement payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses for the support of your Mint during the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

E. M. Turner, Esq.,

Blacksburg, W. Va.

Jan'y 21, 1882

Sir:

Your favor of the 17th, inst., making inquiries concerning the tables of prices in my report on the Production of the Precious Metals

has been received.

The prices on pages 219 and 220 are assumed to be currency prices, but as they were ascertained by dividing the values by the quantities of each description of articles exported in each year at all the ports of the United States and the values at the ports on the Pacific Coast were doubtless estimated in coin, the money of account at those ports, and at ports on the Atlantic Coast in currency the money of account used at the latter the table, strictly speaking, will give neither gold nor currency prices. Since the bulk, however, of the exports were from the Atlantic ports, I made no allowance for the small portion exported and estimated at a gold valuation on the Pacific Coast.

The second column in the table at the foot of page 17 is derived from the first by multiplying the figures of each year in the first column by the mean gold value of currency during the fiscal year and comparing each quotient with the quotient found for 1870 taken as 100.

I enclose you a table prepared by Mr. Elliot, present Govt. Actuary, giving the currency value of gold, and the gold value of currency from 1861 to resumption in 1879.

My tables, of course, do not give absolutely correct variations in the purchasing power of gold. If a table could be prepared embracing the average prices in each year of all commodities purchased and consumed during the year in each of the principal markets of the United States, a mean percentages of the prices of these commodities for each year on the prices of a given year would be an approximate measure or indication of the relative purchasing power of money in this

counting for the years taken.

I send you a copy of my annual report for 1881, which continues the table of prices of export for another year.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Editor of the Tribune,
Denver, Col.

January 21, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the New Year edition of the Tribune.

Please accept my thanks for the same.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

January 23, 1882

No 625 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish twenty (20) tons of Bertha Spelter at 87¹/₂¢ per pound, delivered to Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago, free on board of cars - is accepted. It is very desirable that this spelter should be shipped as early as practicable.

You will please transmit your account to this office in duplicate together with the Quartermaster's receipt. I have requested the Quartermaster, Col. Chas. H. Tompkins to receive and forward the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Col. Charles H. Tompkins,
 Quartermaster U. S. Army
 Chicago, Ill.

January 23, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested Messrs Pope, Cole & Co. of Baltimore to deliver to you ten (10) tons of Copper - and Messrs Merchant & Co. of Philadelphia twenty (20) tons of Spelter, which I will thank you to receive and forward to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, as provided by General Order No. 66, dated July 24, 1876

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

January 23, 1882

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 21st, inst. I send you by current mail 250 copies of circular relative to the valuation of Mutilated Silver coin.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon S. J. Kirkwood,
 Secretary of the Interior.

January 23, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 4, 1881, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in which you requested that twenty-five (25) Indian Peace Medals bearing an impression of President Garfield be struck in silver, and which was referred to this office, I have the honor to transmit herewith the medals requested, together with the bill for

the same amounting to \$147.⁵², for which I will thank you to forward in care of this office a draft in favor of A. London Snowden, Esq., Superintendent U.S. Mint at Philadelphia as early as may be convenient.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.

January 23. 1882

57 Gay St.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons best commercial copper to Col. Chas. H. Tompkins, Quartermaster, U.S. Army, at Chicago, for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco, at 20½¢ per pound, is accepted. I will thank you to forward the copper as early as practicable.

I have requested Col. Tompkins to receive the copper from you.

You will please transmit your account with Quartermaster's receipt to this office.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Elliott C. Jewett, Esq.,

January 23. 1882

Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account and account of expenditures for Fixtures & Apparatus for the six months ending Dec. 31st 1881, herewith returned, you are hereby instructed to number each voucher commencing with the fiscal year, I have

numbered some of those forwarded to indicate how it should be done. You will observe also that I have inserted numbers in the volumes for warrants of the Abstracts of Disbursements. These numbers should be in the order of date of payment of the respective vouchers. An Abstract of Disbursements only will be required to accompany each of these accounts. Vouchers must be forwarded in all cases for petty expenditures made by you, and they must be numbered monthly. The Abstract of these expenditures will be the last voucher to appear on your Abstract of Disbursements.

For the present you need not send pay-rolls for salaries, but a written receipt instead and in computing same you will use book of Salary Tables furnished by the Treasury Department.

Enclose accounts current made up as they should be. It is not necessary to make separate accounts or Abstracts of Disbursements for salaries.

You have paid yourself the wrong amount for the month of September. The salary as shown by the tables referred to, makes the amount due you for that month \$203.⁸⁰, whereas you have paid only \$203.⁶⁰, since the accounts must be returned you had better make the correction.

Please correct and return these accounts at as early a date as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Jan'y 23, 1882

Sir:

The instructions contained in the letter of

December 17th. from this office, to which you refer in yours of the 20th inst. were not intended in any way to change the nature of the business of your Office.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,
 late Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

Jan'y 23, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to cause your Bullion accounts for the last three quarters of the calendar year 1881, to be forwarded to this Office at as early a date as practicable.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Jan'y 23, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Gold Deposit Cards #76

1,000 Silver Deposit Cards #77

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan'y 23, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that three (3) cases

of machinery, numbered 62, 63, ^{and} 64 for the San Francisco Mint, which have arrived at New York from Vienna, Austria, may be admitted free of duty and that you will instruct the Collector by telegraph to deliver the same to Messes Hensel, Buckmann & Horbacher, who will receive and ship the same through Quartermaster, U.S. Army, to San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

January 23, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of the Official oaths of the following named recently appointed Adjusters in the Coiners Department of your Mint forwarded with your letter of the 16th. inst. viz:

<u>Jenny C. Shiry</u>	January 14, 1882
<u>Amey Cecil</u>	do 14 1882
<u>Blanche L. Cohn</u>	do 16 1882
<u>Julia Barron</u>	do 16 1882

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Jan. 23, 1882

Sir:

In accordance with your direction I have assayed the Haytian One Groude Silver coin handed me - I found the actual weight to be 24.852 grammes and the

See letter to Secretary p. 126.

fineness 899 M.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon H. G. Fisher,

Jan'y 23. 1882.

House of Representatives

Sir:

As understood by the officers connected with the Mint service, the right to deposit gold bullion for payment of its value in coin or bars does not authorize the receipt at the Mints of United States gold coin in exchange for gold bars. To obtain the latter, manufacturers frequently roll out or mutilate such coin and bring it as gold bullion, which they have a right to deposit.

I have prepared and send you a bill authorizing the receipt and exchange of United States coin for bars. Please introduce and have it referred to Committee on Coinage Weights and Measures.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Jan'y 24. 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be 113 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

January 24, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 thirteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

January 24, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce
 fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

First Auditor

January 24, 1882

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and
 settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical
 Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S.
 Mint at San Francisco for the month ending
 December 31st 1881, rendered to me for the purpose
 of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

January 24, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts for the month ending December 31st, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

January 24, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month ending December 31st, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

January 24, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

January 24, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Jan'y 24, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December 31st, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Jan'y 24, 1882

Supt Mint, U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending September 30th 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. G. B. Ransom

January 24, 1882

Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Sir:

Mr Gung Wing, late of the Chinese Legation has desired me to procure for him certain samples of U. S. Coins, bonds notes and stamps to exhibit to the Chinese Government on his return to that country.

I therefore have to request that you will furnish me with two of each kind of Revenue Stamps, for which I will make payment upon a statement of the amount of charges if any.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. F. O. Howe

Jan'y 24, 1882

Postmaster General,
Sir:

Mr Gung Wing, late of the Chinese Legation has desired me to procure for him certain samples of U. S. Coins, bonds, notes and stamps to exhibit to the Chinese Government on his return to that country.

I therefore have to request that you will furnish me with two of each kind of Government postal stamps, payment for which will be made by the bearer.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jan'y 24, 1882.

Sir:

Enclose herewith Invoice for the second assenting machine purchased of Ludwig Levy for the use of your Mint.

As soon as the machine is received by you I will thank you to certify and return the account to this Office that payment therefor may be made from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 24, 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction, your report of Silver Medals of a National Character pertaining to the 4th Quarter 1881. The report for the 3rd Quarter shows four "Allegiance Medals" on hand while you report none on hand at the beginning of this.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 24, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Stella Barclay, Adjuster in the Coiner's department of your institution, bearing date of

the 21st instant, forwarded with your communication of the 23^d instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Jan'y 24, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Assayer of the Mint Bureau showing the weight and fineness of a Haytian Silver Coin, denominated a Goude, as ascertained by the assay made in accordance with the request of the Honorable Secretary of State of the 16th inst referred to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Jas. S. Robinson

Jan. 24, 1882

House of Representatives

Sir:

Yours of the 21st inst. is received and I forward you by to-days mail a copy of my report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for 1881. A copy was sent you on the 12th inst. which seems however to have gone astray.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
 St. Louis, Mo. January, 24, 1882.

Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 19th. instant in which you inform me that you have been notified that the sum of \$25,000.- has been placed to the credit of your bullion fund, and stating that you have received no information relative to its disposition, and asking whether you should begin the purchase of gold bullion at once I have to reply that the amount advanced you as a bullion fund is a portion of the public moneys to be used in making returns to depositors with as little delay as possible after the value of their deposits have been ascertained as provided by Section 3545 of the Revised Statutes. From this fund you will pay in coin the net value of deposits of gold bullion, including the purchase of the silver contained in such deposits at the rate of one \$1.- per standard ounce.

As soon as you have a sufficient amount of bullion accrued in this manner, you will ship the same to the New Orleans Mint, forwarding a shipping statement on the forms furnished you, or which will be furnished you and notifying this office. You will receive credit for the net value of the same as determined at the Mint, by a transfer order of the Treasurer of the United States, reducing the amount with which you were charged by the net value of the amount so transferred.

Your bullion fund will from time to time be increased by an advance in coin as you may require it.

The instructions, page 8, as to transaction of business at the Assay Offices fully explains the mode of procedure in regard to deposits of bullion either for unparted bars or for payment in coin. You will be careful to deduct from the value of all deposits of gold bullion for payment in coin, in addition to your own charge for melting &c, of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 per cent on the gross value of the bullion, the charges authorized to be deducted by the Mint at New Orleans embraced on pages 6th and 7 of the instructions for the operations necessary to convert the bullion into coin.

The forms of bullion accounts which have been sent you will indicate sufficiently the accounts which it is necessary for you to keep, and the instructions on pages 3, 4, and 5 of the Regulations explain fully the matter of issuing the receipt and return of the same by the depositor, the granting of a memorandum and the certificate of payment.

If you need any other instructions in regard to the receipt of bullion and payment for the same either in unparted bars or coin please inform me explicitly on what particular subjects you wish to be informed.

The instructions and regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices with which you have been furnished, are intended to cover in a general way all that is necessary for you to know in connection with the receipt and accounting for deposits, and I recommend that you give them your careful consideration.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

New Orleans

January 26, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
fourteen and fifty five hundredths cents per ounce
fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Superintendent Mint U. S.

Philadelphia,

Jan'y 26, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon
special assay coins taken from the first deliveries
in each week at your Mint during the month
of December 1881 and forwarded for test as pre-
scribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the
legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint,

New Orleans.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon
special assay coins taken from the first deliveries
in each week at your Mint during the month
of Dec, 1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed
by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the
legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mass. Merchants & Co.
525 Arch Street.

Jan'y 25, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for spelter delivered Capt G. W. Bradley for shipment to the U. S. Mint, at Carson Nevada, and have to request that you will render and receipt the same in duplicate as it will facilitate the the payment thereof.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr Yung Wing,
Hartford, Conn.

Jan'y 25, 1882.

Sir:

In further reply to your letter of the 16th inst, I enclose you a Circular of the Post Office Department relative to the sale of specimen stamps.

As the price of two complete sets would be about \$520.⁰⁰, please designate which you desire and return to this Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.

Jan'y 25, 1882

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination & settlement bill of the O. P. R. R. for transportation from Ogden to San Francisco in

April 1881 of 22398 lbs of Spelter consigned to your care, amounting to \$138.⁰³, payable from the appropriation for "Parting & Refining bullion".

Duplicate ^{PA} enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Jan'y 25, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the "Contingent Appropriation" of your office for the fiscal year 1881, bill of the C. P. R. R. for transportation in May 1881, of 124 lbs of Bone Ash from San Francisco to Reno, amounting to \$1.⁶², consigned to your care.

Duplicate ^{PA} enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wollers, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.

Jan'y 25, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the C. P. R. R. for transportation from San Francisco to Winnemucca in May 1881, of 112 lbs lead, consigned to your care, amounting to \$2.⁵², payable from your Contingent Appropriation for the fiscal

year 1881. Duplicate of which enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.,

January 25, 1882

Room 91 Cannon Buildg
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement, bills of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. amounting to \$142.24 dated May 31st, 1881, for transportation of Mint supplies.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

January 25, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

January 25, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for ex-

amination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, with my approval except of the entry in your gold coin account, in which you charge yourself with \$721.²¹ proceeds of bullion received from the Denver Mint and credit yourself with the same amount deposited in the Treasury of the United States, per Certificate of Deposit, No. 5706. This entry should not appear in your accounts as the certificate of deposit is made in the name of Mr Silver and the fact that you deposited it for him would not entitle you to any credit of that amount.

In settling your accounts in the Department the amounts deposited in the Treasury for which you claim credit are checked by covering warrants issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and the covering warrant in the case referred to is not drawn in your name and consequently you would not receive credit for the amount if the entry on the debit side is allowed to stand.

I have therefore recommended that both entries be disregarded in the settlement of your account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. W. S. Shallenberger
House of Representatives,

Jan. 25, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your reference of the letter of Mr. A. J. Pettit, Smiths Ferry, R., inquiring as to the valuation of mutilated silver coin, I enclose herewith copy of a circular relative thereto.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 26, 1882

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday in relation to the reception of deposits for bars or coin at your office, your attention is called to the last clause of Section 3 page 8 of the Regulations, "and a further charge to cover the cost of transportation will be collected of the depositor". You will deduct from the value of all deposits of gold bullion for coin a sufficient amount to cover the expense of transporting the bullion contained in the deposit from your city to New Orleans.

If you ship by express the rate by Adams (or Southern) Express is for gold $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent per mile, per \$1,000, or $1.81\frac{1}{4}$ from St. Louis to New Orleans, fractional parts of \$1,000, not exceeding \$500, to be charged half the price of \$1,000. If you decide to ship by Registered Mail, there will be no charge to the depositor for transportation, as stamps will be furnished you with which to pay the registration fee.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 26, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. instant in relation to reimbursing your coin accounts from the appropriations for losses on sale of sweeps, in the quarter in which the loss occurs was received but owing to the fact that it was mislaid, has not been answered sooner. The instructions are already

sufficiently plain on the subject and need no amendment in this particular, as suggested in your letter. The wastage ascertained at the annual settlement, and at no other time, is, of course to be settled and the reimbursements made in the account for the last quarter of the fiscal year.

The losses on sale of sweeps which occur frequently and which are as well known at the time of sale as at the end of the year are to be reimbursed in the same quarterly accounts in which the loss occurred. This is the evident meaning of the last clause "accounting for wastage and loss on sweeps", page 16 of the Instructions, and I would thank you to conform your practice to the ruling herein given. The billion accounts are settled quarterly and each account should be complete in itself.

As the silver loss was paid from the silver profit fund and no portion charged to parting and refining not knowing whether the sweeps on which the loss occurred were Miller and Refiner's or Coiner's, I assumed that if the former the loss properly chargeable to Parting and Refining appropriation was very insignificant. If the latter the loss is properly paid in the accounts.

If the sweeps sold were Miller & Refiner's and you can arrive at the proportional loss on silver incurred in the operations of parting and refining and it would be of any appreciable value you are authorized to make the reimbursement from the Parting and Refining appropriation otherwise to let the payment stand from Silver Profits.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 26, 1882

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail a supply of form No 207, statement of earnings ^{and} expenditures to take the place of the statement heretofore in use for that purpose.

This statement is to be forwarded to the Director of the Mint at the close of each quarter, ^{and} by the 1st of September of each year an annual statement is to be forwarded on the same blank embracing all items of earnings and expenditures contained on the quarterly reports of the previous fiscal year.

I desire to invite your special attention to this form which I consider one of the most important required by the regulations as from it is prepared the annual statement of earnings and expenditures of the United States Mints ^{and} Assay Offices published in the Annual Report of the Director and in order that this table may be free from errors of any kind, I have to request that you will exercise special care in the preparation of your statements of earnings ^{and} expenditures. I have endeavored to cover in the printed entries all possible items of earnings ^{and} expenditures and have classified them with some care so that they may afford the desired information, but if there are any other earnings or expenditures not properly embraced in the classes printed on this statement, they can be added at its close.

The statement should show each quarter all items of earnings, profits, gains &c of all kinds, and all expenses and losses.

I will thank you to forward as soon as you

receive the form referred to, statements covering the first and second quarters of the present fiscal year on this form, to take the places of those heretofore forwarded.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Th. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge

Helena.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York City.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Assayer in charge

Charlotte, N. C.

A. Holtz, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Herman Silber, Esq.,

Assayer, &c.

Denver, Col.

Roderick Stebbins, Esq.,

Friendship, N. Y.

Jan'y 25, 1882

Sir:

Yours requesting a copy of my report for 1880 is received. Do you refer to the Annual report of the Director of the Mint?

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Cranford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson Nev.

January 26. 1882

Sir:

Our ordinary expense account for the month of June is still held in this office. I have written you explaining the reason and your answer does not comply with the requirements of the Department which are that the Publisher of a paper should furnish his rates for advertising, sworn to before the bill will be approved by the Secretary.

The form of voucher authorizing the insertion of advertisement, states at the head of it, that no bills for advertising shall be paid until they have been approved by the Secretary.

There are three vouchers in this account which in their present shape will be disallowed, viz: the one for \$10.- in relation to which I have previously written you, voucher No. 188, for \$7.00, for advertising in the Times in relation to which the Secretary has informed you that the correct amount should be \$5.00 and has returned the original bill for the purpose of correction, and voucher # 189, which is open to the same objection as the voucher for \$10.- referred to above.

My object in holding these accounts has been to prevent the disallowance of these items by the accounting officers. Unless you can induce the Publisher of the Carson Appeal to comply with the requirements of the Department - I shall be compelled to let the account go forward and have the items disallowed.

The account has already been held for six (6) months and it is very desirable that it should be settled.

Very, respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

January 26, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th. instant in relation to using sweeps from deposit melting room for the purpose of effecting loss occasioned by sale of sweeps, you are hereby instructed to regard the sweeps from the deposit melting room as surplus bullion to be used for the purpose named above.

I would say incidentally that the value of the silver in sweeps either of deposit melting room or of the operative officers or of the silver in any surplus bullion received, may, as a matter of convenience, be calculated and entered in the accounts at \$1.- per standard ounce, being about the average cost of silver at present in your accounts and you are hereby instructed to use this valuation in calculating their value.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.,

January 26, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York City.

Sir:

I have received the official bond of Philip R. Van Wyck, as Chief Clerk of your office executed in the sum of \$10,000.- and bearing date of the 17th. instant, and have referred the same to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination and certification.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

January 26, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail a supply of blank forms, No. 208, being an annual statement of wastages and loss on sale of sweeps and how paid.

This statement is to be forwarded to the Director annually by the 1st, of September of each year embracing the wastage of the operative officers and loss on sale of sweeps of the previous fiscal year and the mode of payment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New York City.

New Orleans, La.

James Crawford, Esq.,

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

San Francisco, Cal.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Jan'y 26, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has requested that there be struck for Garret J. Benson of Albany N. Y. a duplicate of a life saving medal of the second class awarded him May 10, 1879, upon which the following inscription was borne upon the reverse side of the original To Garret J. Benson

for rescuing at the peril of his life several persons from drowning, 1876. to 1879." Enclosed herewith you will find draft for \$15.- drawn by the New York State National Bank, Albany, N. Y. upon the Merchants National Bank, New York, enclosed to your order, which was forwarded by Mr Benson in payment for the duplicate medal. If that amount exceeds the cost of the material ^{and} charges for engraving, you will please return the excess to this office. A case for the medal is not desired.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Jan'y 26. 1882

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Henry Meyer asking that you be instructed to pay a reclamation of \$121.70, made by him June 17. 1881.

The records of this office do not show anything in regard to the claim of Mr Meyer or that it was ever received here.

I will thank you to report the facts in order that I may reply intelligently to the letter of Mr Meyer.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director,

James Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Jan'y 26. 1882.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 13th instant in

which I informed you that I had approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for payment a bill of the Central Pacific Rail Road Company for freight on supplies shipped your Mint amounting to \$573.⁰⁶ payable from your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1881. I have now to inform you that I have received an account of errors reducing the amount named in that letter from \$573.⁰⁶, to \$408.¹⁴. This latter amount is the amount which will be charged against your appropriation instead of the former and I will thank you to make the necessary changes on your books.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Jan'y 26, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4 Books, Silver Meltings, M+R. #184

4 Books, Gold Meltings M+R. #185

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith, duplicate account of F. J. Runtlinger, amounting to \$47.²⁵ for a set of steel assay stamps for the use of your office, pur-

chased in compliance with the request contained in your letter of December 1881.

You will please make payment for the same from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year by remitting Mr. Runtlinger a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Register Assay of Gold Deposits #123 A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Denver, Colorado.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Your offer accepted at one hundred fourteen and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Candy & Cronise,

24 Nassau Street,

New York

Jan'y 26, 1882

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram E. W. Nash, January 26, 1882
Omaha, Nebraska.
 Your offer accepted.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram Helmick & Hanson, Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco, San Francisco.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco.
 Your offer declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram W. J. Gleason, L. Lacour,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

Telegram P. W. Lilienthal,
San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, January 26, 1882
New Orleans.

Receive from Omaha Smelting Company, one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and seven eighths cents per ounce from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company thirty-five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

January 26, 1882

Receive from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand ounces
at one thirteen and three tenths cents per ounce
from Belmick and Hanson one hundred
thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and
twenty nine hundredths cents per ounce

Honatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Gentlemen:

As the weekly offers for the delivery of
silver at the New Orleans Mint will probably fur-
nish all the silver needed to complete the monthly
coinage, I deem it my duty, after the first of next
month to reduce the purchasing rate for lots of less
than ten thousand ounces, and to request you to
telegram Thursday morning of each week an optional
offer of the amounts and the rate at which you
will deliver at New Orleans or at Philadelphia.

As the lowest rates are accepted, if a portion or
the whole of your offer should be declined for the
one Mint, it might be accepted for the other.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

E. W. Nash, Esq.,

Treasurer Omaha Smelting Works.
Omaha, Neb.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Sir:

In view of the fact that the amounts of silver
for delivery at the New Orleans Mint have largely
increased, I suggest to you that hereafter you

make your offer optional, naming the price at which you will deliver the whole or any part of your offer at Philadelphia, and the price at which you will deliver it at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

Jan'y 26, 1882

late Supt. New York Assay Office,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.,

Jan'y 26, 1882

late Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Houghton Mifflin & Co.

Jan'y 26, 1882

Cambridge

Mass.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 20th, instant for Postal Guide purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$1.00 has been approved and re-

ferred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt by to days mail of a Register of gold and silver bullion deposited and purchased for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr Robert Bunt,

Author of Statistics of Mining &c.

Care U. S. Consul General

London, England.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Sir:

Have the kindness to send me a copy of your last volume on the Statistics of Mining and Smelting in Great Britain and I will forward you a check for the amount of its cost.

I enclose herewith a copy of my special report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

(Retained from "Dead letter office")

Hon. Edgar Stanton

January 27, 1882

U. S. Consul General,

St. Petersburg, Russia.

Sir:

Please forward to me any books or periodicals obtainable containing the latest statistics of the gold and silver production of Russia, especially for the years 1880 and 1881, or inform me of whom they can be obtained. I will remit the amount paid.

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

January 27, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your request I send you estimates of appropriations for the Philadelphia Mint for the ensuing year.

I shall, as you suggested, ask the Committee to strike out the appropriation for salary of Chief Engineer, and let him be paid from the appropriation for wages of workmen.

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

January 27, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

Sir:

Referring to voucher No 2 of your medal fund account for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, bill of Charles E. Barber for engraving wood blocks of the Garfield and Lincoln medal, electotyping the same

and for printing 1000 cards in relation to the Garfield medal amounting to \$8.75. I have to inform you that the First Comptroller has decided that a payment of this kind to an officer of the Mint, is in conflict with Section 1765 of the Revised Statutes being "compensation" for "other service".

The question arose on a similar case of compensation for service rendered by an officer of the Government, disconnected with his official duty.

This would also, if presented as a bill for an article furnished by the Engraver, be in conflict with Section 11, page 20 of the Regulations.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.

Jan'y 27, 1882.

Carson City,

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Dec. 1881 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be, within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Denver, Colorado,

Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that the amounts of silver offered for delivery at the New Orleans Mint have largely increased, I suggest to you that hereafter you make your offer optional, naming the price at

which you will deliver the whole or any part of your offer at Philadelphia and the price at which you will deliver it at New Orleans.

Very respectfully,
 Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,
 Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
 Charlotte, N. C.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th, instant forwarding statement of amount received for ore assays and miscellaneous earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 1881.

I do not understand what is meant by miscellaneous earnings as the entries as the entries are not itemized. The account of your assays of ore should be separate and distinct from all others and should show the amount exactly received for the assays of ore, the date and from whom received, and the Certificate of Deposit

covering the amount into the Treasury should be forwarded with the statement.

It appears from the statement forwarded that you have on hand \$163.⁵⁰ balance of ore assays and miscellaneous earnings. You will please deposit the amount in the Treasury and forward the certificate to this office, and hereafter you will please deposit quarterly the amount so received and forward the certificate with your quarterly statement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

January 27, 1882

Sir,

I have received your quarterly statement of ore assays for the third and fourth quarters of the calendar year 1881, showing that you received from that source in the third quarter the sum of \$38. and in the fourth quarter, the sum of \$39. which amounts you will please deposit in the Treasury of the United States and forward the certificate to this office.

Hereafter you will please give a detailed statement of ore assays showing the amount received from each individual, name and date, and accompany your quarterly statement with a certificate of deposit, covering the amount into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

January 27, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Ronald C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,

January 27, 1882

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the second and third quarters of the calendar year 1881, with my approval, except as to the "Summary Statement" in which I have charged you with the balance on hand at the beginning of each quarter in stamp bar account. I can not understand why you omitted this balance in preparing your "Summary of operations" each quarter, as it is just as much a part of the bullion with which you are charged as the balance in your gold & silver bullion account.

Hereafter, in preparing your summary of operations you will please charge your "Bullion" with all the bullion in your possession, including that in stamp bar account. As there was nothing due depositors at the close of either of these quarters and as your stamp bar account is intended to show only the bars stamped for depositors, I do not understand how it is that you have a balance

in that account, and I would suggest that it probably belongs and should be transferred to your gold and silver bullion account.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson.

Jan'y 27, 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil your Statement of Earnings^{es} & expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1881.

If you have not already done so you will please deposit in the Treasury the amount collected for assays of ores as shown by this statement and hereafter please forward with your quarterly statement of amount collected for assays of ores a \$10. covering the amount into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of earnings^{es} & expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, as indicated in pencil. I notice that you have entered as an earning the sum of \$179.⁴⁵, value of sweeps accrued. I do not find this amount taken up as profit on your bullion account of the same quarter. Please inform me why this was not charged to your bullion and credited as

a profit in your bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan'y 27, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Assayer of the Mint Bureau, showing the weight and fineness of a Haytian silver coin, denominated a Gourde, as ascertained by the assay made in accordance with the request of the Honorable Secretary of State, of the 16th. inst. referred to this office.

By an Act of the Republic of Hayti passed September 20th. 1880, provision was made for the coinage of two millions of Gourdes of which 180,000 were to be of gold pieces, 460,000 of one Gourde silver pieces, 960,000. of fractional silver money, and 400,000. of bronze pieces.

The value of the Haytian Gourde was estimated by the Director of the Mint, and proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 2nd. of January 1882, for that year, at 96.5 cents. The value was determined by comparing the weight and fineness of the gold Gourde with that of the gold Dollar of the United States and there being a limited coinage of silver, the same valuation applies to both the gold and silver coins.

The legal weight of the one Gourde silver piece is twenty-five grammes and its fineness 900 W. corresponding with the weight and fineness of the United States half dollar pieces. With exchange at par, and silver bullion in London worth fifty-one and seven eighths pence per ounce British Standard, the value of the silver contained in a

one Goude silver piece of full standard weight and fineness is eighty-two and a quarter cents. The fineness of the piece tested being 899 M. and its actual weight 24.852, its actual bullion value at the same quotation for silver would be eighty-one and sixty-eight one hundredths cents. It may however be remarked that the test of the weight and the fineness of a single piece is not a fair criterion by which to determine the accuracy or value of the coinage.

Enclosed find eighty-one cents, the bullion value of the silver contained in the coin assayed.

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Estimates of appropriations for the Philadelphia Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888.

Salaries:

<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>\$4,500.</u>
<u>Assayer, Melter and Refiner, Coiner and Engraver at \$3,000 each</u>	<u>12,000.</u>
<u>Assistant Assayer, Assistant Melter and Refiner, assistant Coiner at \$2,000. each</u>	<u>6,000.</u>
<u>Cashier</u>	<u>2,500.</u>
<u>Chief Clerk</u>	<u>2,500.</u>
<u>Book-keeper</u>	<u>2,000.</u>
<u>Increase</u>	<u>.250</u>
<u>Abstract-clerk (in lieu of deposit-clerk) and Weigh-clerk, at \$2,000 each</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>*Register of Deposits</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<u>*Warrant-clerk</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<u>*Cashier's clerk</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<u>Assayer's computation-clerk (in lieu of one clerk)</u>	<u>1,600</u>
<u>*Assistant Weigh-clerk</u>	<u>1,600</u>
<u>*Chief Engineer</u>	<u>1,800</u>

Wages of Workmen:

Wages of workmen and adjusters \$300,000.

Contingent Expenses:

Incidental and contingent expenses, including purchases, not exceeding \$300 in value, of specimen coins and ores for the cabinet of the Mint 100,000.

Submitted.

Frist Auditor,

January 27, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

January 28, 1882.

Notice of Confirmation of Jones appointment as Coiner has not been received. Commission with form of bond required will be forwarded as soon as commission reaches this office.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

January 28, 1882.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

January 28. 1882.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
 fourteen and forty-five hundredths cents per ounce
 fine to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia

January 28. 1882.

Bought one hundred thousand ounces from Handy
 & Cronise, at one hundred fourteen and thirty-four
 hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

January 28. 1882.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Enclosed I mail you forms for blank books
 prepared under my direction and on consultation
 with the officers of the San Francisco Mint, in which
 are to be entered the disposition made by the Melted &
 Refiner of every deposit and silver purchase received
 by him from the Superintendent. All the entries
 necessary to keep these books had previously been
 made at that Mint but not in the methodical
 manner that these forms require, nor could the
 columns be footed, nor the amounts received be
 checked and compared with their disposition
 without drawing off and adding up the figures
 by themselves. I desire the books to be kept by the
 Melted & Refiner of your Mint in this or a similar
 manner. Please make requisition for books of
 four hundred pages. But if similar forms are

now used by the Miller & Refiner, first send copies of them for consideration.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

B. F. Butler, Esq.,

January 28, 1882

Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. is received. The Operative officers of the Mint have no power to make dismissals or removals from their Departments, but the Superintendent should carry out their wishes in this respect whenever, for sufficient cause shown the interests of the service, in his judgment, require such action.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

January 28, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the months ending November 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles Esq.,

January 28, 1882

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending November 30, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor

January 28, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Cowles Esq.,

January 28, 1882

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

January 28, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month ending October 31, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,

Jan'y 28, 1882

Assayer in Charge

U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

January 28, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month ending December 31, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Coules, Esq.,

January 28, 1882

Assayer in Charge.

U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

January 28, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose you a sheet from a blank book in use at the Philadelphia Mint for keeping account of the work done in the Melt & Refiner's Department.

If a similar form can be advantageously used at your Mint please make a requisition.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

January 28, 1882.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

During my last visit to your Mint, a form for a blank book was prepared by Mr Buckley, one of the Melt & Refiner's clerks, in which to keep an account of the receipt and disposition of bullion sent to the Refinery in the same manner as an account is kept of the bullion in the chips sent to the Assayer. If such a book was prepared, please send me one or two

sheets for my use in preparing similar books, and send a requisition for a book for your Mint in time to have it printed before the one now in use is filled.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 28. 1882

Sir:

Enclosed find draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for \$98.⁸⁸, in payment of the bill, transmitted in your letter of the 27th., for the proof coins and case prepared for the Chinese Government.

The coins are handsomely arranged in the case, and I have to express my acknowledgements for the satisfactory manner in which you attended to the request.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Jan'y 28. 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Time Book, M & R Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

January 28. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Register of gold deposits received M. & R. Dept.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. E. Davis, Esq.
 Supt. Mint U. S.
 New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 28. 1882

Sir:

I return herewith specimen leaves, of four blank books, that accompanied your requisition for stationery for the six months ending 31st July 1882. As books of these sizes are not kept in stock and the Stationery Division would be compelled to procure them by special purchase you are hereby authorized to purchase same in your city.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury

Jan'y 28. 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Thirteen ⁹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$8,213.⁹⁷/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and Fifty-eight ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$58.⁶⁶/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-two ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$8,272.⁶⁶/₁₀₀).

being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, for coinage as shown by Memorandum, No. 6407 & 6408, dated Jan'y 20, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr Gung Wing,
P.O. Box 840, Hartford, Conn.

Jan'y 28, 1882

Sir:

I send you by Express to-day a box containing two complete sets of United States Coins requested by your letter of the 16th instant and enclose receipted bills for the same, and also for the case.

The other requests embraced in your letter will shortly receive attention.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Gung Wing,
Hartford, Conn.

Jan'y 30, 1882.

Have mailed you draft to-day for balance unexpended and stamps.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr Gung Wing,
Hartford, Conn.
Sir:

Jan'y 30, 1882

In further reply to your communications of the 16th and 28th instants. I enclose herewith specimens of Government postal stamps, the cost of which was 75 cents.

Steps have been taken to cause a set of Revenue stamps to be printed for you, which will be furnished without charge, and as they will not be ready in time to send to you prior to your departure you will please furnish me with your future address.

In regard to furnishing you with two fifty dollar bonds, I have to state that none are issued by the Government, additional to the amount already disposed of. You can procure them from any banker or money broker in Hartford.

I enclose you herewith a check for \$150.³⁴, the balance due you after paying for the coins, case and stamps.

I regret that this Office has not the plans and specifications of the Mint Building in San Francisco, copies of which were desired by you.

Very respectfully,

Hon. C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. John Jay Knox

Comptroller of the Currency

Jan'y 30, 1882

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, of which you are constituted by law an ex-officio member (Section 3547, Revised Statutes) will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 8th day of February at 10 A.M. to test and examine the fineness and weight of the coins reserved at the several Mints during the year 1881.

The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners, but your actual necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of this duty, will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay, upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint of your accounts for the same, made in accordance with

Treasury Circular, herewith enclosed.

I trust that nothing will prevent you from being present.

Very respectfully,

Noratis C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to	
<u>W. G. Terry, Esq.</u>	<u>Hon. W^m Butler,</u>
Assayer U. S. Assay Office	Judge U. S. District Court
New York.	Philadelphia.

Hon. Noratis C. Burchard
Director of the Mint

Jan'y 30. 1852

Sir:

The several Superintendents of the Coinage Mints are hereby authorized to purchase and receive for use in the coinage of Standard Silver dollars any mutilated, worn or otherwise incurrent United States silver coins of standard fineness when delivered in sums of three dollars and upwards and to pay for the same without previous melt or assay at a rate not exceeding one dollar per ounce of Silver of Standard fineness therein contained.

Silver purchased under this authority may be held until the end of each month, and then deposited and entered in gross as a purchase from the Superintendent or from one of his clerks.

Respectfully

Chas. J. Folger

Secretary.

George F. Canis, Esq.
Ed. New Mexico News & Press.

Jan'y 30. 1852

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

the 24th inst in reply to mine of Dec 14th addressed to E. S. Sheldon Esq, of Cincinnati. For your prompt attention and for statistical information furnished in reference to the production of the precious metals of your country, as well as for the supplement of your paper enclosed, please accept my thanks.

In order to get thorough and reliable information of this production of New Mexico I sent one of my clerks into the territory in November last to look up data. Your communication with enclosure has been turned over to this gentleman, who in his report will credit your paper with such information desired from your supplement as he may embody therein.

It will afford me pleasure to mail you a copy of my report for 1881, when received from the publisher.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 30. 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred four-
teen and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Jan'y 30. 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th instant asking for additional information in regard to the transaction of the business of your office and I have to reply to the points raised, serialim, as follows.

1st— In the case of deposits of bullion which

the depositor wishes to have melted, assayed and stamped and run into a bar and returned to him, the only charge to be made is $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 per cent of the value. This in the case which you mention of the deposit of the value of \$100.~, would be $12\frac{1}{2}^c$ (13^c).

2nd, No bar charge is to be imposed by you in addition to the one already mentioned, of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 per cent on the value, which is not strictly a bar charge but is intended to cover the expense of your institution, of melting, assaying, making into a bar and stamping.

3rd, You are allowed to receive deposits of less value than \$100.~. The charge to be imposed will be on the value of the bullion regardless of the \$100.~ limitation, that is to say, you are not to charge the same on a deposit of less value than \$100.~ as you would on a deposit of \$100.~ value.

4th, In case you forward bullion by express to New Orleans, you will pay the Express Company upon presentation of a receipted bill in duplicate, the original of which will be the voucher forwarded with your bullion accounts covering the payments.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard
Director.

Wess. Rand, McNally & Co.
No 77 and 79 Madison St.
Chicago, Ills.

January 30, 1882

Gentlemen,

Please send me a copy of the latest edition of the Encyclopedia published by you. I will remit check in payment of the amount of its cost.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 30, 1882

Sir:

I have examined the statement showing the proper reimbursements on losses on sweeps sold as required by regulations, enclosed in your letter of the 28th, instant, and return the same herewith, it being correct in all particulars.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 30, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th, instant, in which you state that the First Comptroller of the Treasury has disallowed sundry items of expenses for distributing silver coins in the settlement of your bullion accounts amounting to \$58,72 which will be refunded by the Express Company, you are hereby instructed to debit your silver coin account and credit your silver profit fund account with the amount, "as amount refunded by Adams Express Company to meet certain disallowances in their bills for transportation of silver coin paid from the profits on the coinage of silver."

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

January 30, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans.

Jan'y 30, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1881. I have prepared a statement on Form 207 correctly exhibiting the transactions of the quarter which I enclose herewith for your information and guidance.

In reference to the Earning of \$27 - from assays of Ores during the quarter, I have to request that you will deposit the same in the Treasury and forward the certificate to this Office, and hereafter please deposit at the end of each quarter all moneys received from this source or sale of old material, and forward with the certificate a statement showing in detail the amount received from each individual and date.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

January 30, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil the "Gold Coin Account", "Gold Bullion Account", "Profit and Loss Account", "Summary of Operations" and "Balance Sheet" belonging to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881.

The amount transferred from your Contingent Appropriation to reimburse your coin account for the loss on Sale of Gold in Sweeps in excess of the value of the flux bar was \$54.²², instead of \$63.⁰⁵, as entered in your accounts. Please make the necessary corrections and return the accounts returned with the new ones to facilitate their examination.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the following errors in the rates of charges imposed on deposits of Gold Bullion during the quarter with the request that you will explain the same, viz: Assayer's Report #11, dated July 22, 1881, Parting charge imposed 4 cents, rate authorized by the Regulations 3^c. #22, dated August 12, 1881, Parting charge imposed 4 cents, rate authorized 5^c. #63, dated September 22, 1881, Parting charge imposed 2 cents, rate authorized 3^c.

Very respectfully,
Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 30, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith the bond of Philip V. R. Van Wyck, Chief Clerk of your institution executed in the sum of \$10,000.- and bearing date of the 17th instant which

is imperfect in the particular stated in the letter of the Solicitor of the Treasury, copy of which is herewith enclosed.

This is the same defect to which your attention was called in the first bond of the same gentleman received at this office.

I have submitted the question to the Secretary of the Treasury and he thinks that the form of bond should be complied with and I therefore enclose a blank form for proper execution.

Very respectfully,
 Honolis C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, January 31, 1882
Philadelphia

No. require Colgate to deliver the full amount.
 Honolis C. Burchard
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq. January 31, 1882
 Supt Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th. inst. and its valuable suggestions have been considered and an order authorizing the purchase of silver coins has been forwarded to you.

It was thought best to make the minimum (3) three dollars and to fix the purchasing rate the same as that of silver partings, that the value might be more constant and easily computed.

The authority to deposit monthly in gross as a purchase in the name of the Superintendent will dispense with the necessity of entering and reporting each separate purchase.

You can give to your weigh-clerk, Register of Deposits and Cashier such directions as you deem advisable in regard to the method of receiving and paying for mutilated coins, and as to the checks, vouchers and entries necessary to keep the memorandum required by the order.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

January 31, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for,

2 Press Copying books, and as requested in your letter of the 23 inst. they will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Wm S. Rosecrans,

January 31, 1882

House of Representatives.

Sir:

The President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to test and examine the fineness and weight of the coins reserved at the several Mints during the year 1881.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 8th of February at 10 A.M. and probably be in session two or three days.

The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners, but your actual necessary traveling and other expenses

incurred in the performance of this duty, will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint of your account for the same made out in accordance with Treasury Circular herewith enclosed.

Please notify this office of your acceptance of the appointment.

Enclose for your information a copy of the laws relating to the Annual Assay, Rules for Organization ^{and} Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Dr. Le Baron Russell,
Boston, Mass.

Thomas Donaldson Esq.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Anthony J. Drexel, Esq.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. W. P. Lawver,
Mint Bureau.

Prof. J. E. Hilgard,
U. S. Coast Survey.

Dr. Wm. Pepper,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Chas. E. Munroe,
Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Hon. Wm. B. Allison
U. S. Senate.

Prof. John Fowler
Robart College, Geneva, N. Y.

Rev. Paul A. Chadbourne.

T. Eggleston, Esq.,
New York.

Jan'y 31, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to letter of this Office of Dec. 20, stating that the printing of 250 copies of your article on "Parting gold and silver in Haverthall" would cost

settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Feby. 17, 1882.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you a letter received from Mess. Ludwig Seyss & Co. asking that two additional machines be ordered for your Mint.

The Philadelphia Mint has four machines—two that are employed in assorting gold coins and two for silver. By preparing new baskets and cylinders for receiving the coins at the Philadelphia Mint, they use a silver dollar assorting machine for assorting gold coins. It would be well for you to request the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to make similar baskets and cylinders for your machines.

If you think it would be economical for the Government to buy two additional machines, and you find those already received working well, you can forward to me a request for their purchase, and I will submit the matter to the Secretary and have the order given, if deemed necessary. Please return enclosed letter.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

you about \$8.00, and to your letter of Dec. 21, requesting that the same be done, I now have to advise you of the shipment by Express to your address of the pamphlets referred to. The cost of printing is \$7.71; upon receipt of this amount a receipted bill will be transmitted.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

January 31, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1881, enclosed to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Jan'y 31, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your medal fund account for the quarter ended December 31, 1881.

The explanation furnished in relation to the bill of Charles E. Barber is entirely satisfactory, and the vouchers forwarded have been placed with his bill, and the account has been approved as rendered.

I will thank you to inform me how the amount of \$29.29, cash received, gain on silver

during the quarter was obtained.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 31, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

- 1 Book of Receipts for payment of gold deposits
- 50 Weekly reports of silver deposits and purchases Milled #103, B.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 31, 1882

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant in relation to making payments to parties residing in the East, you are authorized to pay their bills in any manner most convenient to yourself either by obtaining a draft in St. Louis on the East if the same can be done without expense, or by forwarding the money by registered mail. It is hardly necessary to open an account with either the Assistant Treasurer at New York or Philadelphia as your purchases in the East will probably not be large. It is desirable that the bills of persons from whom supplies are purchased should be paid without any loss to themselves, and any way that you can accomplish this will be satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

January 31, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant in which you state that the First Comptroller has informed you that he suspended \$415.³⁸ on account ^{unreported} of bar charges in the settlement of your bullion account for the third and fourth quarters of the year 1880 and that the matter was fully explained in your letter of April 21, 1881, I have to inform you that the Comptroller charged you with the amount named \$415.³⁸, being the amount received for unreported bar charges for the quarters named, for the reason that you failed to charge yourself with the amount in your accounts, and he was requested to do so by this office when your accounts were adjusted, and you were so informed. As you have deposited the amount in the Treasury of the United States, you will receive credit in the settlement of your accounts for the first quarter of 1881, for the same amount, so that it will not affect the balance with which you are at present charged, in any manner.

No explanations that could be offered can affect the fact that you failed to charge yourself with this amount, or would alter the duty of the accounting officers of the Department to see that you were held for it in certifying to the balance due from you.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Orin W. Earle, Esq.

Carrollton

Carroll Co. Arkansas

Jan'y 31, 1882

Sir,

There has been received at this Bureau a small bag

of or labelled with your name and address, but with no letter of explanation. If forwarded for assay, please so state enclosing three dollars, the amount of the Government charge for such service; otherwise the ore will be returned to you.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, Philadelphia,

Jan'y 31, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$6,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:
 Requested to be made special.

Salaries

Wages of Workmen

Contingent Expenses 1882 \$6,000.-

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U.S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan'y 31, 1882

Sir:

You are authorized to purchase and receive for use in the coinage of standard silver dollars any mutilated worn or otherwise uncurrent United States silver coins of standard fineness, when delivered in sums of three dollars and upwards, and pay for the same without previous melt or assay, at a rate not exceeding one dollar per ounce.

of silver of standard fineness therein contained.

Silver coins thus purchased may be held until the end of each month, and then deposited in your name, or that of one of your clerks, and entered in gross in the books of the Mint as a silver purchase at the rates authorized. Memorandum records will be kept of the date, nominal amount and weight of each purchase, name and address of the person from whom received and the date, amount and mode of payment. Detailed statements of the individual purchases, unless otherwise ordered need not be reported to this office, but the total amount of coin thus purchased in each month will be entered in the Bullion Accounts and on the Quarterly Abstracts and reported monthly, in the same manner as other silver purchases.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Telegram

Superintendent United States Mint,

Philadelphia.

Feb'y 1, 1882

Can you give Homer L. Pound a place in your mint soon. Gov. Pound is anxious to know. Please answer.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Omaha Smelting Company
Omaha, Nebraska.

February, 1st 1882

Barity of 10 days London rate is one hundred fourteen
and eighty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Feb'y 1, 1882

Five hundred thousand dollars has been placed
to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New
York.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.

Feb. 1, 1882.

San Francisco,

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon
special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in
each week at your Mint during the month of Dec,
1881, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Reg-
ulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits
of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

February 1, 1882.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated
in pencil your statement of earnings and expenditures
for the quarter ended December 31, 1881.

I find in this statement an item of \$101.⁵⁸ value of sweeps accrued. I do not find this amount taken up in your bullion account and will thank you to inform me why this was not done.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Feb'y 1, 1882

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 31st ultimo, enclosing duplicate receipted bills of Powers & Weightman for \$49.⁵⁰ being the value of two (2) carboys of chemically pure nitric acid, shipped the Mint at New Orleans in conformity with my request of the 9th ultimo I have to inform you that the bills have been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, with instructions to forward Messrs Powers & Weightman a draft for the amount upon receipt of the goods in proper order.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Holtz, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Feb'y, 1, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

February 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment duplicated receipted bills of Messrs Prosser & Weightman of Philadelphia amounting to \$149.80, for two (2) cartboys of nitric acid, chemically pure shipped you by the Clyde line of steamers on the 13th ultimo, as per bill of lading enclosed herewith.

Upon receipt of the goods in proper order, you will please forward the firm named a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feb'y 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the statement of earnings and expenditures of your Mint for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, forwarded in your letter of yesterday.

The item of wages of workmen should include all the wages paid except the refinery and the item of contingent expenses should include all the miscellaneous expenditures of the Mint except for the refinery.

The item of "parting ~~and~~ refining expenses" should include all the expenses of the refinery, including wages.

As the law seems to contemplate the making of the refinery self-supporting by applying the charges collected, for parting and

refining bullion to defraying the expenses I had intended on this form to have the expenses of this branch of your business, ^{stated} separately from your other expenses.

It is not necessary to enter the expenses paid from the standard silver dollar appropriation separately but that will be included with the expenses from your regular appropriation, the amount expended as wages being added to the amount expended from your regular appropriation for wages of workmen, and the amount expended as contingent being added to the amount expended from the regular appropriation for contingent expenses.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feb'y. 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia,

Sir:

I enclose you a list of the names of the gentlemen who have been designated by the President a Special Assay Commissioners for the Annual Assay of 1882.

In making preparation for the work of the Board, for the payment of traveling expenses and for the entertainment of the Commissioners, you will follow the instructions observed at the Assay of 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Feby 1. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the fourth quarter of the calendar year 1881, your attention is called to the fact that you failed to forward the certificate of payment and receipt covering a purchase of silver made November 25, 1881, from J. E. Jancau, for which receipt No. 287, was issued, the assay number being 296, and the net value of the purchase \$1,281.⁶⁴.

As this is not embraced on the schedule of unpaid deposits and purchases, I presume it must have been paid and you neglected to forward certificate and receipt.

Very respectfully,

Amalie C. Birchard,

Director.

Eliot Co. Jewett, Esq.,

Feby. 1. 1882

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your ordinary expense account for the six (6) months ended December 31, 1881, you will prepare a bill in your own name for the amount paid for labor, unpacking &c, as shown by the abstract of petty expenses. For the items that were purchased, such as charmois skins, brown, oil &c, and for expressage, it will be necessary for you to obtain receipted bills and forward them to be placed with your accounts.

Hereafter you will please obtain a voucher for every expenditure, and bills of \$10. or less may be classed as petty expenditures.

I return the abstract for your information, which you will please return to this office with the voucher referred to above.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

Feb'y 1, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your ordinary expense account, for the month of June, 1881, with my approval, except as to voucher No. 188, bill of Edward Niles Proprietor of the "Carson Times" and voucher No. 189, bill of Sam Davis Proprietor of the "Carson Appeal".

The former of these which was rendered for \$7.63, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury for \$5- and the latter which was rendered for \$7.02-, has been approved by the Secretary for \$4.02-.

You will please deposit the amount of these differences, \$5.02, in the Treasury to the credit of your contingent appropriation for the last fiscal year.

The form furnished you upon which the party performing the services is to render his bill, states plainly at the top of it that bills must not be paid before they are approved by the Secretary of the Treasury so that by disregarding these plain instructions and paying the bills before such approval, for a larger amount than that authorized by the sworn rates for advertising of the Publishers, you will incur this disallowance in your accounts, and will have to look to the Publishers to make it good.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor

February 1, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. See Mem. on abstract.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

Feb'y, 1, 1882.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

Referring to Vouchers No. 14th and 15 of your account of expenditures from the appropriation for Fixtures and apparatus, bill of Messes Bonnet & Morrison, I will thank you to procure from the firm an itemized statement of the charge for plumbing, showing the rate of pay and number of days worked by the different workmen employed, the quantity of material used and the price of same, to accompany each bill as a subvoucher.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Feb'y 1, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to a blank book of "Gold Deposits received" recently forwarded for the use of your Mint, I will thank you to inform me for what purpose the

column "Check" is intended. I think of adopting the form as a book of record for all the Mints and the New York Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
 Assayer in Charge,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Feby. 1, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Cashier's Blotter #75

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

James Crawford Esq.
 Supt U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

Feby 1, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

300 Movements of Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

Hon. J. D. Cameron,
 U. S. Senate.

Feby 1, 1882

Sir:

Mr A. J. Drexel, Banker and Reverend Pepper, Rector of the University of Pennsylvania having been proposed and, on account of their positions and prominence, together with Mr Thomas Donaldson, all

of Philadelphia, selected as Assay Commissioners to test the weight and fineness of United States coinage at the Philadelphia Mint on the 5th. inst., it did not seem advisable also to appoint Mr Pedro Salom from that city, and his name was, therefore omitted from the list of Commissioners.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Brown,

February, 2, 1882

24 Nassau Street,

New York.

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces accepted at one hundred thirteen and sixty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard
Confirmed Director.

Telegram

Handy & Brown

Feb'y 2. 1882

New York City.

Your offer as received read thirteen, sixty-nine. Offer at fourteen sixty-nine declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Feb'y 2. 1882.

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred fourteen and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans. February 2, 1882

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
 fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen
 and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Helmrich & Hanson Feb'y. 1, 1882
San Francisco.

One hundred and sixty thousand ounces of
 your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Feb'y 2, 1882
San Francisco

Twenty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Feb'y 2, 1882
San Francisco

Receive from Daniel Meyer twenty thousand
 ounces and from Helmrich & Hanson one hundred
 and sixty thousand ounces at one hundred thir-
 teen and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Feb'y 2, 1882
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of Williams accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Feb'y 2, 1882
San Francisco
 Coin one Million Silver Dollars in February.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Feb'y 2, 1882
San Francisco
 Copper shipped on the twenty-fourth of
 January.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank Feb'y 2, 1882
San Francisco
 Your offer declined.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram W. H. Harris, M. M. Tompkins,
San Francisco. San Francisco.

A. London Snowden Esq. Feb'y 2, 1882
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, explaining the entry of \$29²⁷ in your Medal Fund Account for the fourth quarter of the year 1881, I have to inform you that I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the First Auditor to be placed with the account named.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

To the First Auditor,

February 2, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I forward herewith for your information, with the request that it be placed with the medal fund account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, a copy of a letter from that officer explaining an entry of \$29.²⁹ in the account named as a cash received, gain on silver during the quarter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feby. 2, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is fixed at 700,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Feby 2, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is fixed at 475,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Feb'y 2. 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is fixed at 125,000. pieces.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Feb'y 2. 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of earnings ^{and} expenditures for the first quarter of the present fiscal year which I will thank you to render on the form furnished you for the purpose.

To assist you in preparing the same I forward herewith a statement which I have prepared from your accounts showing the earnings ^{and} expenditures for the period named and exhibiting the manner of preparing the same.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Corlies, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.

Feb'y 2. 1882.

Sir:

I have received a statement of the expenditures of your office for each of the months of September, October, November ^{and} December, 1881.

There is no regulation requiring a monthly

statement of expenditures except as shown by your ordinary expense account. You are required however to furnish a quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures which I will thank you to do at once, for the first two quarters of the present fiscal year, upon the form sent you for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Feb'y 2, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th, ultimo, requesting that a duplicate of the life saving medal awarded Garrett J. Benson, of Albany, N. Y. May 10, 1879, be struck and enclosing Ten Dollars, \$10.00 to defray the expense thereof, I have the honor to transmit herewith the medal requested and \$1.92 the surplus left after paying cost of medal and engraving.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.,

Feb'y 2, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st. instant advising of shipment by express of the life saving medal of the 2nd class.

The medal has been delivered and I return herewith duplicate vouchers properly signed, for the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Feby, 2. 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

I will thank you to furnish me with two (2) samples of each of the forms of Assayer's Reports at present in use at your Mint, which were submitted to me when in San Francisco last.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Feby 2. 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, your attention is respectfully directed to the following entries.

You have carried to the credit of "Parting & Refining Account," as charges collected during the quarter for parting and refining, the sum of $\$2,320.⁶⁸$. The amount of the toughening parting & refining charges collected during the quarter, as shown by your abstract sheets which are all the charges to be carried to the credit of the account just named, was $\$2,308.⁷⁸$, that is to say, you carried to the credit of "Parting & Refining Account", the sum of $\$16.⁹⁰$ (the fine bar charge of the quarter) which should have gone to the credit of "Profit and Loss", and you have credited the "Profit and Loss", as charges collected during the quarter, the sum of $\$1,346.⁹⁰$, instead of $\$1,363.⁸⁰$ the amount of the melting, alloy and fine bar charges of the quarter. This will be corrected in the adjustment of your accounts in this office.

I will thank you to explain why it is you re -

duced the amount of the melting and alloy charges carried to the credit of Profit and Loss, by taking out the sum of \$208.⁴³, and carrying it to the credit of "Parting and Refining Account" and also to explain why, after you had carried this amount to the credit of "Parting and Refining Account", you deposited it in the Treasury as a part of Certificate of Deposit #114, under the name of a "fine bar charge", as a miscellaneous receipt. You must be aware that all items which go to the credit of the "Parting and Refining Account", should go into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, and that the very object in opening this parting and refining account, was to see that the proper charges were deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

I can see no good reason why the "Parting and Refining Account", in your bullion accounts cannot be kept in such a manner that it should plainly exhibit the exact amount collected for parting and refining bullion, and the exact amount deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for that purpose.

By making these cross entries, which cannot be understood without explanation, it tends to confuse this account, so that at any time if it has to be referred to, it is difficult to tell just what the charges collected for parting and refining have been, and I will thank you to instruct your book-keeper that he is to make no entries in this account other than the necessary credits of the charges collected for parting refining and toughening bullion, and the depositing of the same in the Treasury, or payment of wastage and loss on sweeps.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

February, 2, 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation of two (2) boxes of Stationery from St. Louis to Kansas City in September 1881, consigned to your care, amounting to \$1.26. Duplicate bill and % are enclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby. 2, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-four $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars, (\$2,284. $\frac{21}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Twenty $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (\$20. $\frac{53}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand, Three Hundred, Four $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars, (\$2,304. $\frac{84}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 175, dated Jan. 30, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feby 2, 1882

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierce C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Feby 2, 1882

Supt. New York Assay Office.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feby 2, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. to meet the expenses of the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar at your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of the "Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar" passed Feby. 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Ronden Snowden, Esq.,

Feb'y 2. 1882

Supt. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$33.500.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882, \$2.500.-

Wages of Workmen 1882, 25.000.

Contingent Expenses 1882, 6.000

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Feb'y 2. 1882

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$5.328.⁷⁴ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$2.678.⁷⁶

Wages of Workmen 1882 2.000

Contingent Expenses 1882 .750

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Hon. John Hill,

February, 2, 1882

House of Representatives,

Sir,

The application of James F. Marsh, of Madison

N. J. for position as Assayer in the New York Assay Office endorsed and referred by you to me, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that office for such consideration as consistently with the interests of the service can be given by him.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

February 2, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th ultimo stating that you require two sets of assay weights for the use of your Mint, and that you are able to procure them cheaper in San Francisco than in Philadelphia. You are therefore authorized to procure them in your city.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

February 2, 1882.

Sir:

Enclosed I mail you forms for blank books prepared under my direction, and on consultation with the officers of the San Francisco Mint in which is to be entered the disposition made by the Melter and Refiner of every deposit received by him from the Superintendent.

It seems to me the best, and most methodical manner in which an account can be kept of the disposition made of bullion received or deposited

and by which its history can be traced.

The entries necessary to keep these books have previously been made at that Mint, but the deposits were not entered in their numerical order, nor in a form that permitted the columns to be footed and checked and the totals compared. Unless a similar book is now used by Mr Mason, it seems to me desirable to have blank books prepared for use in this Department and that requisition should be made for these books. If a similar preferable form is now used by him, please send me a sample sheet for consideration.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Hon. A. Gordon Snowden

Feb'y 3, 1882.

Supt Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir,

The following coins reserved during the month of January, at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

4 Eagles	\$40.00
4 Half Eagles	20.00
14 Standard Silver Dollars	4.00
Total	64.00

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Kansas City Smelting Works,

Feb'y 3, 1882.

Kansas City.

Gentlemen:

On the 9th ultimo I addressed you a letter requesting that you would furnish me

Mining Book

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

February 3, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that three (3) cases containing automatic adjusting machines for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, and shipped in bond in November last from New York to San Francisco, may be admitted free of duty.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Feb'y 3, 1882

San Francisco.

Twenty thousand ounces only purchased of Daniel Meyer last week.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

February 3, 1882

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen seven tenths cents per ounce fine to day.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

First Auditor,

Feb'y, 3, 1882

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge, of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Feb'y 3, 1882

Assayer, Denver Mint,
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.First Auditor,

Feb'y 3, 1882

Treasury Department.
Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. See Mem. on abstract.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.A. Wolters, Esq.,

Feb'y 3, 1882.

Assayer, Boise.
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, with my approval except the summary which has been adjusted by adding to Bullion the balance of stamped bars on hand.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Feby 3, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that one (1) case containing three (3) Steel Rolls for the use of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia consigned to Messes J. S. Watson & Sons shipped from Sheffield, Eng. and which will arrive at Philadelphia on the Steamship Ohio may be admitted free of duty.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Feby 3, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate receipted bills of Messrs Merchant & Co., of Philadelphia for one (1) ton of Bertha opeller delivered to Capt. G. W. Bradley Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A. for shipment to your Mint. You will please remit the amount \$192.75 to Messes Merchant & Co.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Capt. Geo M. Adair,

Feby 3, 1882.

Office of Secretary of State,

Springfield, Ills.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult., inquiring if the relative cost of transportation of gold and silver is paid by the Government on one million dollars, is received.

The rate limited by law for the transpor-

lation of gold and silver from San Francisco to New York is two dollars and a half per thousand dollars value, and ten dollars on silver.

I do not know the difference in the cost of shipping gold or of shipping silver between this country and Europe, but have heard it stated at one half of one per cent on gold and at five eighths to one per cent on silver, though the rates vary from time to time.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

Hon. H. G. Fisher,

Feb'y 3, 1882.

Chairman Comm. Coinage, Weights & Measures,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Yours of the 1st inst., is received and I send you to-day for the use of your Committee three copies of my Annual Report for the year 1881.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burghard,
Director.

John M. Smiley Esq.,

Feb'y 3, 1882

Acting Mexican Consul,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Yours of the 2nd. inst., requesting copies of Mint reports is received. I forward you by to-days mail copies of the Annual Reports of this Bureau for the years 1873 to 1881, inclusive with the exception of 1874, the supply of which is exhausted, also a copy of my Special report on the Production of Gold & Silver in the United States for 1881.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burghard, Director.

P. Johnson, Esq.

Feby 3, 1882

No. 84, Irving Place,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult., addressed to the President of the United States, requesting to be informed of the value of the fifty cent piece of 1861, has been referred to me for reply.

I have no information that the United States silver half dollar of that year is worth more than any other half dollar, as nearly two millions of pieces were coined.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Feby 3, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th. ult. forwarding a Memorandum of Sale of 260 bbls. of Muller^{rs} Refiner's Sweeps of the fiscal year 1882, showing the standard weight and value of the bullion in the sweeps, the proceeds of sale and the loss; also showing the apportionment of the loss among the different appropriations and funds.

As your letter states that the various losses as shown by the Memorandum have been settled, it is probably not worth while to make any change, but it would seem as if the operations of the fiscal year 1881, were not the proper basis for apportioning a loss which occurred six months after the close of that year.

The proper basis for determining the distribution of the loss would have been the operations

from July 1, 1881, to December 31, 1881, and Parting and Refining should have been charged and pay for such proportion of the loss as the ratio of gold (or silver) operated on in the refinery during the six months named bears to the total amount of gold (or silver) both parted and refined and made into ingots during the same period. This could readily have been determined from your books.

Hereafter before the losses by wastage and sale of sweeps are reimbursed it would be well to submit a statement for my examination showing the proposed apportionment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

Ernest C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Feb'y 3, 1882.

Sir:

From an examination of the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor for the second and third quarters of the calendar year 1881, I find that it has been the practice at your institution to carry the fine and sterling bar charge to the credit of Parting and Refining Profit and Loss and to deposit it in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion.

This is an error, and you are hereby instructed to carry the fine bar charge to the credit of "Profit and Loss", and deposit the amount in the Treasury in connection with the charge for Melting and Alloy as a "Miscellaneous Receipt." The only charges which are to go to the credit of the "Parting and Refining" account are the charges for Touching, Parting and

Refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

Feb'y 3. 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I am having the quarterly accounts of the Mints and Assay Offices, as received, examined, before transmission to the Accounting Officers, to ascertain, not only the correctness of the computations, but also whether the charges have been properly imposed.

It is more convenient to have the rates for melting, parting, refining etc. entered on the Assay reports.

You will, therefore, please request the Assayer to enter the rates as was formerly his practice until the new form was sent him.

I will forward you, as soon as received from San Francisco, a new form of Assay report, adopted with my approval there, and submit it to Mr.

Torrey for his consideration, and if found more convenient and satisfactory, will have a number printed for the use of your office.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

January 23. 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

To keep the proper records and make the necessary examination of the Mint accounts, showing the purchase, reception, treatment, coin-

Delayed.

age and disposition of silver bullion purchased for the coinage of Standard Silver dollars requires an additional clerical force, and I have the honor to request that for this work the employment of an additional clerk be authorized at a compensation not exceeding seventy-five dollars per month, to be paid out of the appropriation contained in the Act of February 28th, 1878, to authorize the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Messrs Handy & Cronise,
New York City.

Feby 4, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury your statement in regard to the error in your dispatch offering to sell silver bullion last Thursday for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint and have recommended him to declare the acceptance cancelled. He has the matter under advisement.

Truly yours

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Hon. R. F. Pettigrew,

Feby 4, 1882

House of Representatives.

Sir,

Yours of the 3rd. inst. is received, and copies of my Annual reports for the years 1879 and 1880 will to-day be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Forbes, as you request.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

J. N. Whitney, Esq.
 Chief Clerk,
 Bu. Statistics.

Feby 4, 1882

Sir:

Accept thanks for the summary statement of imports and exports for 1877 received to day.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 4, 1882

Sir:

I forward by to-days express a package containing records and papers relating to the Annual Assay which I will thank you to reserve until the 8th instant, when I will be present.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Moses D. Wheeler, Esq.
 P. O. Box 231
 Stapleton, S. I.
 New York.

Feby 4, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 3rd. inst. is received. I send you by to-days mail copy of my Special report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for 1880.

Your name will be entered for a copy of the Special report of 1881, which will be forwarded to you when issued.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard, Director.

Thomas B. Acton, Esq.,

Feb'y. 4, 1882

Late Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

From an examination of your Bullion Accounts for the second and third quarters of the calendar year 1881, it appears that you have carried to the credit of "Parting and Refining Profit and Loss Account," the charges collected from depositors for the manufacture of fine and sterling bars.

The charges for this purpose amounted in the quarter ended June 30, to \$229.⁹², in the quarter ended September 30, to \$202.⁷², and in the quarter ended December (as shown by your reports of charges) to \$200.⁸⁸, making a total for the three quarters of \$633.⁴⁸, erroneously carried to the credit of the account named as a "Parting and Refining Earning".

In order that the money arising from the bar charge may not be carried into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, you are hereby requested to transfer in the account for the fourth quarter of 1881, from your "Parting and Refining Profit and Loss Account," to your "Profit and Loss account" the sum named \$633.⁴⁸, if as I suppose the bar charge for the fourth quarter was carried to the credit of the same account as in the second and third quarters.

I desire that this correction should be made in your accounts even if it be necessary to restate them to accomplish the desired end.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. W. Nash, Esq.Treasr. Omaha Smeltg & Refg Co.,
Omaha, Neb.

February 4, 1882

Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 31st. ult. as to whether we are buying silver for San Francisco, you are informed that silver is purchased for and coined at all the Mints but Denver, which is operated as an Assay Office. Silver is offered much lower at San Francisco than for delivery at Philadelphia or New Orleans.

At the request of Mr. Barton, we telegraphed you Wednesday the New York equivalent (at the current rate of exchange) of the London price of silver and will continue to advise you weekly at your expense for telegram.

Your telegraphic offers, if delayed until Thursday morning should be despatched before 10 A. M., lest difference in time and delay in transmission prevent their reaching me before action has been taken or bids received.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.C. J. Cowles, Esq.

Assayer, Charlotte.

Feb 4, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer, St. Louis.

Feby 4. 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint, New Orleans.

Feby 4. 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$11,165.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 1,665.-

Wages of Workmen 1882 7,000.-

Contingent Expenses. 1882 2,500.-

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.

E. M. Turner, Esq.,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Feby 4. 1882

Sir:

I have held your letter of the 25th. ult. until I could make an examination of the export prices of wheat for the calendar year 1877 and the years previous and subsequent and find as follows:

The difference between the currency prices given in table 25 on Northern and Western wheat and the export price for the same year arises:

Firstly, as you suggest, from the fact that the one being a fiscal and the other a calendar year they cover different periods of time; Secondly, the grades of wheat are different, the export price being the average price of all the wheat - good, bad and indifferent - exported from all the ports of the United States, while the table 25 gives the price at New York and the qualities quoted; Thirdly more than half of the wheat for the year 1877 was exported from San Francisco and, of course at a gold valuation.

I enclose a statement of the average export prices of all the wheat exported in the calendar years from 1875 to 1878 inclusive compared with the New York price of Northern and Western wheat for the same calendar years by which you will see that the export price although lower than the New York price varies from year to year about in the same proportion.

Truly yours,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. Mint,

New Orleans.

Feb'y 6, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of January at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

<u>One Eagle</u>	\$10.00
<u>Five Standard Dollars</u>	5.00
Total	<u>15.00</u>

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Wm. A. S. Snowden,
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Feby 6, 1882

Sir:

The Assayer of the Mint Bureau has forwarded by to-days express a box (the receipt for which is enclosed) containing 7.10 ounces fine gold, 30, ounces standard gold and 62, 35 ounces standard silver, resulting from the assay of coins sent to me for special test the coinage value of which I will thank you to return him without deductions.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Feby 6, 1881

Sir:

I send by current mail a supply of blank forms for the use of Assay Commissioners in rendering accounts of their traveling expenses.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. C. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Feby 6, 1882

Sir:

I forward herewith a commission from the President of the United States, bearing date of the 27th ultimo, appointing Frederick H. Jones to be Coiner of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, also an official bond which you will please instruct Mr Jones to execute in the sum of \$10,000.~ with good and sufficient

duties and forward to this office.

Upon notification by telegram that his bond has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury you will deliver the enclosed commission to Mr Jones and he will then enter upon the duties of his office. His salary as Coiner will commence from the date of his official oath accompanying his bond.

Before Mr Jones enters upon his duties as Coiner it will be necessary that the accounts of the present Acting Coiner should be closed and his wastage declared. In order to do this it will be necessary for him to deliver to you all the bullion and coin in his possession, taking your receipt for the same which you will in turn redeliver to the new coiner taking his receipt therefor.

It will not be necessary to close your own accounts (Bullion Accounts) as the accounts for the first quarter of the present year can include the accounts of both coiners.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

George H. Childs,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby. 6, 1882
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Sir:

The President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to test and examine the fineness and weight of the coins reserved at the several Mints during the year 1882.

The Commission will assemble at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 14th ^{inst} instant at 10, A.M. and probably be in session two or three days.

The law does not provide for the payment of any compensation to Assay Commissioners but your actual necessary traveling and other expen-

ses incurred in the performance of this duty, will be allowed at the conclusion of the Assay, upon the presentation at the Philadelphia Mint, of your account for the same, made out in accordance with Treasury Circular, herewith enclosed.

Please notify this office of your acceptance of the appointment.

I enclose for your information a copy of the laws relating to the Annual Assay, Rules for Organization and Proceedings of the Commission of 1880.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. J. B. Belford,

Hon. H. C. Fisher,

House of Representatives.

House of Representatives.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Feby 6. 1882

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 4th. instant in relation to Form 207 Statement of Earnings and Expenditures, I have to say that the form referred to is a general one intended to be used at all the Mints and Assay Offices, and in its preparation was designed principally to cover the business of the Mints and New York Assay Office. It was thought that it would be used at the Assay Offices for reporting their Earnings and Expenditures but the printed entries themselves show that there are many things on it which have no relation to the business of your office and with which therefore you have nothing to do.

You are only expected to fill up such entries as relate to your business. Under the entry marked

#4, you will report your "own charges" and strike out the word "alloy" with your pen. Under the entry #VII, you will report the amount received for making our assays. Under #VIII, you will report in the last quarter of each year any surplus bullion derived from sweepings or recovery of grains. Under #X you will report in the last quarter of each year, the profits, if any made through your transactions in bullion with the Mint at Philadelphia including the profits in your transportation account.

#XI, XII, XIII, XIV, explain themselves.

The other entries under "Expenditures" are not intended to apply to your office except the last.

The blank forwarded is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. B. Davis, Esq.,

Feby 6, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oaths of the following named employes of the Coiner's department of your Mint bearing date of the 1st. instant and forwarded with your communication of the 2nd instant, viz:

Mrs Mary C. McCann

Adjuster,

Oscar Crosier,

Workman,

A. P. Albert,

do

D. C. Hill,

do

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Thomas C. Weston, Esq.,
Late Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

February 6, 1882

Sir:

Referring to the "Bullion Profit and Loss Account" of your Bullion Accounts for the second quarter of the year 1881, I will thank you to inform me how the deficiency of \$2,174.²⁹ in that account arose, giving the date and character of each entry which occasioned it.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messes E. Balbach & Son
Newark, N. J.

Feby 6, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a statement showing the amount of bullion produced by your works during the last half of 1881.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in furnishing the same.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Feby 6, 1882

Sir:

Please transmit statement of Silver Purchases and Partings, (form No 64) of Silver Bullion Purchased and of Coinage and Transfers (form No. 193) in one package, and in another and separate enclosure, Statements of Gold Deposited, Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion, and Gold and Silver of

Domestic Production Deposited, also in different enclosures, the Engineers Log, Coiners report and the Report of Charges Collected (form No. 83).

These statements as above grouped go to different desks for examination and entry, and bear in our files, different numbers.

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. A. London Snowden

Feby 6, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Prof. Fowler, Dr. Le Baron Russell and Mr. Drexel having declined to act as Assay Commissioners, the President has designated Hon. H. C. Fisher and Hon. J. B. Belford of the House of Representatives and George W. Childs Esq., of your City as Commissioners.

Please convey the enclosed to Mr. Childs.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feby, 6, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I return herewith the schedule and bids for supplies for your Mint forwarded in your letter of the 26th ultimo and I have to request that you will make your awards as provided by paragraph 6, page 19, of Instructions & Regulations 1881 and forward the same for my approval.

I am clearly of the opinion that the contract for coal should be awarded to the lowest

bidder.

The fact that one bid only is made for the article if the price is reasonable and not above the market is not sufficient cause it seems to me for respecting the bid.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger.

Feb'y 6. 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by your reference, of the letter of the Hon. J. C. Clements enclosing for my remarks the letter of John T. Owen Esq., of Cartersville, Ga., stating that he is a jeweller of that place and is frequently called upon by his patrons to stop holes in gold and silver coins, and inquiring if there is anything wrong legally in stopping the holes with coin gold or silver.

As a mutilated coin of the United States from which a portion of its gold or its silver has been abstracted is no longer a legal tender or current money and can be regarded simply as bullion, the filling of holes punched in such coins would seem to be prohibited and punishable under Section 5,457 of the Revised Statutes, as the crime of falsely making, forging or counterfeiting the coins of the United States, or, under Section 5,461, of the Revised Statutes, as making coins of the United States intended for the use or purposes of current money when not authorized by law. The conversion of gold and silver bullion into coins intended for the use and purposes of current money in the United States is only authorized to be done at and by the officers of

the United States Mints and a violation of the latter Section is punishable by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both.

The letters of Messrs Clements and Owen are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

J. F. Goddard, Esq.,

Feby. 7, 1882

Gen. Freight Agent, A. T. & S. F. R.R.
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant enclosing an account of George H. Bush for clerical services in making out a statement of the ore and bullion shipped over your road during the six (6) months ended December 31, 1881, I have to inform you that the same has been approved for the sum of \$50.~ and referred to the proper officers of the Department for settlement, with the request that a draft for the amount be mailed to your care.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Kansas City,

Feby 7, 1882

Smelting & Refining Company
Kansas, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 31st. ultimo, asking for information in regard to selling and shipping your silver to the Mint at New Orleans, I have to state that the Superintendent of

Mint is authorized to purchase daily, lots of less than 10,000 ounces at a price fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint. At present the price is 114.85 cents per ounce fine, payment being made in silver dollars by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York or should you prefer, payment can be made by draft either on the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis or Chicago.

When sales of lots of less than 10,000 ounces are made, the price paid is that fixed on the day of the delivery of the silver at New Orleans.

Should you desire to sell in lots of over 10,000 ounces, you can make your offer on Thursday of each week as set forth in the enclosed circular. Should you decide to offer weekly, you could do so by telegram, basing your offer upon the London quotation of Wednesday as is now done by other bidders, or you could employ some agent or bank here or in New York to offer for you.

The Superintendent of the Mint will remit a draft for the proceeds of any silver sold by you to you direct or to your bank or agent in New York as you may prefer. In the latter case it would be four or five days after your shipment before you could draw on your correspondent for the proceeds.

Should you decide to make weekly offers I would suggest that you make optional offers for delivery at either the Philadelphia or New Orleans Mints, as in case it should be declined at one point it might be accepted for delivery at the other.

In regard to shipping gold bullion I would simply say that it would probably be more advantageous to you to ship to Philadelphia or New York than to New Orleans.

In conclusion I would state that there are

now three (3) Smelting & Refining Companies selling
the silver product of their works direct to the
government.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre L. Van Wyck, Esq.

Feby 7, 1882

Supt U.S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the return to this
office, of the corrected bond of Philip V. R. Van
Wyck, Chief Clerk of your office, executed in
the sum of \$10,000.~ The same has been referred
to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination
and certificate.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

Feby 7, 1882

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th, instant and
telegram of the 5th instant I sent you a dispatch
of this date instructing you to pay the value of the
clippings or granulations taken for assay in excess
of the charges, in coin.

This instruction will apply to all the different
classes of deposits whether for coin or unparted
bars, gold or silver bullion. The depositor is to
be credited with the full weight of his deposit,
including the portion taken for the purpose of assay.

In taking clippings for assay it is well to cut

off as nearly as possible a sufficient amount to cover the charges to be imposed.

I presume that you have already been instructed that silver contained in gold deposits or in deposits for bars, is to be calculated at the rate of \$1.~ per standard ounce.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feby 7. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of yesterday, I have asked that your requisition for funds be made special and will try and have a draft mailed you on Wednesday.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Feby 7. 1882

Assayer, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$313.90, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>213.90</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882)	
Contingent Expenses	1882)	<u>100.~</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, San Francisco,

February 7, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$29,000. - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>2,000</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>22,000</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>5,000.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer, Denver.

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,000. - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$900.-</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>900.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>200.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, Carson City.

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

of your institution during the month of February 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$11,000.-, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$2,000.-

Wages of Workmen 1882 6,000.-

Contingent Expenses, 1882 2,500.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb'y 7. 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and fifty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Telegram

E. C. Jewett,

Feb'y 7. 1882

U. S. Assayer, St. Louis.

Pay depositors value of clip or granulations in excess of charges in coin. Letter by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Feb'y 7. 1882

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I return herewith requisition for stationery and blanks, sent with your letter of the 1st inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury and enclose a few blank requisitions for your use, together with Circular No. 157. of the Department by which you will see that blank books and forms must not ap-

pear on a stationary requisition.

For books and forms sample blanks must be carefully ruled if you have none.

Henceafter you will please forward all requisitions through this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank book,

Record of Silver Bars Appropriated, and as requested in your letter of the 1st. inst. it will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Paying Clerks Blotter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Feb'y 7. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000. Certificates of Silver Purchases #6. C.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Feb'y 7. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Register of Assays - Silver Deposits.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, M. T.

Feb'y 7. 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of earnings² & expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1881. The last item "Loss on Bullion shipped the Mint for coinage \$124.29, is only to be entered in the last quarter of each fiscal year giving the net result of the years business in bullion with the mint.

If a loss has occurred, the amount is to be entered under this heading; if a gain under the corresponding heading under earnings.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

February 7, 1882

Supt Mint San Francisco

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Feb'y 7, 1882

Supt Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Feb'y 7, 1882

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant in relation to the Surplus accrued at your institution, I have to say that I have no objection, if you consider it preferable to have the entry in the Bullion Accounts made at the close of the fiscal year, but if you do so the amount should not

be reported as an earning on your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures until the last quarter of the fiscal year. If however the value of the Sweeps can be ascertained quarterly, I know of reason why they might not very properly be entered in your Bullion Accounts quarterly, but at any rate your Accounts and your Quarterly Statement should conform to each other in this particular.

In this connection I would say that it is not necessary for you to enter the collection charges (Parting, Refining and Alloy) on your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures, as it is not an earning of your institution. The form furnished you would very naturally lead you to suppose that they were to be entered as an earning but it was prepared principally with a view to reporting the earnings of the Coinage Mints.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Feby 7, 1882.

Sir:

I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that he has authorized the Collector of the Port at Philadelphia to admit free of duty three steel rolls imported from Sheffield, England, for the use of your Mint and consigned to J. S. Watson & Sons.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that he has authorized the Collector of the Port at San Francisco to admit free of duty three cases containing automatic, adjusting machines for the use of your Mint shipped in bond from New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of A. S. Baker, Outside Watchman in the General Department of your institution bearing date of the 30th ultimo, forwarded with your communication of the 31st.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

George Eyster, Esq.
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 7, 1882

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 6th. instant I forward by to-day's mail 100 copies of Department Circular #15.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feb'y 7, 1882

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia

Sir:

C. D. No. 6492, for \$888.⁸⁰, being on account of refining earnings, enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feb'y 7, 1882.

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5493 for \$49.²⁵, being on account of melting, alloy and bar charges enclosed in your communication of the 4th, instant, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

L. J. Bowles, Esq.,

Feb'y 7, 1882.

Assayer, Charlotte.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8105, for \$163.⁶², being on account of Assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Feb'y 7, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office, at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Six $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars, (\$2,446. $\frac{99}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Fourteen $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars (\$14. $\frac{36}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,460. $\frac{45}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 198, dated Feb'y 3rd, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Feb'y 7, 1882.

The silver contained in bullion taken for assay from silver bullion deposited for unparted bars may be paid for by the Assayers in charge of the United States Mint at Denver and the Assay Offices at Helena, Boise City, Charlotte and St. Louis in coin at the rate of one dollar per ounce of standard silver, and will be transmitted by them with other bullion to the coinage mints to be used, in the coinage of standard silver dollars.

Approved:

Chas. J. Folger

Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram

Omaha Smelting & Refining Co.

Feb'y 5, 1882

Omaha, Nebraska.

The parity of to days London rate is one hundred
fourteen and seventy-seven hundredths cents per
ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

February 5, 1882

New Orleans.

Commission and bond of Jones were forwarded to
you on the sixth instant.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Feb'y 5, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the
Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum
of \$4,020. - payable from your contingent approp-
riation for the current fiscal year, the amount
to be placed to your credit with the Assistant
Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

Wm. L. Burghard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

Feb'y 5, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper ac-
counting officers of the Department for examination
and settlement, a bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. for

transportation of supplies shipped your Mint amounting to \$28.12, the amount to be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Feby 8, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment by draft on the East upon receipt of the goods in proper order duplicate bills of Messrs Pope Cole & Co of Baltimore for 20 casks of Baltimore Ingot Copper amounting to \$4,020.~ also Quartermasters receipt at Chicago.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Messrs Pope Cole & Co.
No 57 Gay St.
Baltimore, Md.

Feby 8, 1882.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing duplicate receipted bills for 20 casks of Copper shipped the Mint at San Francisco amounting to \$4,020.~ together with the receipt of the Assistant Quartermaster at Chicago for the same, has been received. Your bill has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco with instructions to send you a draft for the amount upon receipt of the goods in proper order.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston Acting Director.

S. Guthrie Esq.,

Feb'y 8, 1882

Room 91 Concoran Building
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. for transportation of Mint supplies in May^{2d} & June 1881, from Ogden^{2d} & Reno to San Francisco^{2d} & from San Francisco to Reno, amounting to \$338.⁴⁵

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.,

Feb'y 8, 1882

#57 South Gay St.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform this office the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver 10 ten tons of Copper in slabs, 21 inches long, 10 inches wide, and 1 inch thick to the Quartermaster U.S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.,

Feb'y 8, 1882

Supt. U.S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co. for transportation of supplies shipped your Mint as per dupli-

cate bills of lading enclosed herewith, payable from the following appropriation.

From the appropriation contained in the First Section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollars passed February 28, 1878, — \$174.⁸⁶

From Paying & Refining Bullion \$141.⁴¹

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

February 8, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the quarter ending September 30, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Feby. 8, 1882.

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor

February 5, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for the month ending January 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Bowles Esq.,

Feb'y 5, 1882

Assayer in charge,

U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month January 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.,

February 5, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Geo. J. Bennett, Abstract Clerk in the General department of your institution bearing date of the 31st. ultimo, forwarded with your communication of the 1st. instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

Feby 8. 1882

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I return Vouchers No. 20, 23, 24 and 27, pertaining to your Ordinary Expense account for the month of January 1882. These vouchers are returned because they are "duplicates," whereas the originals should always accompany your accounts.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs Houghton Mifflin & Co.
Cambridge, Mass.

Feby 8. 1882

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find U. S. Treasury draft, No B. 161981 for \$1.00, drawn in your favor in payment of your bill for one copy of the U. S. Postal Guide furnished for the use of this office.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint.

February 9. 1882

Philadelphia,

Please state by wire approximate amount of silver bullion on hand.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer,

Feby 9. 1882

San Francisco,

Your offer of forty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one eighth accept-

ed other declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Omaha Smelting Company,
Omaha, Neb.

Feb. 9. 1882.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco.

Feb'y 9. 1882

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise
149 Nassau St.
New York

Feb'y 9. 1882

One hundred and fifty thousand ounces for
Philadelphia accepted, other declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Pope Cole & Co.
57 South Gay Street.
Baltimore, Md.

Feb'y 9. 1882

Your offer accepted, letter by mail.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegrams

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Feb'y 9. 1882

Receive from Daniel Meyer forty thousand ounces
at one fourteen and one eighth cents and
Anglo Californian Bank one hundred thousand

at one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Feb'y 9, 1882

New Orleans.

Receipt from Omaha Smelting Company one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and sixty hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Feb'y 9, 1882

Denver, Colorado.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Similar telegram sent to

Belmrich & Hansen,

S. Lacour,

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Telegram

W. H. Harries,

M. M. Tompkins,

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Misses Rpe Cole & Co.

Feb'y 9, 1882

No 57 South Gay St.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons of best commercial copper in slabs 21 inches long, ten inches wide $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick to the Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco at 20¢ per pound is accepted.

I will thank you to forward the copper as early as practicable to Col. C. H. Tompkins, Quar-

Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago, who has been requested to receive and ship the same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Col. Charles H. Tompkins,
Quartermaster, U. S. Army,
Chicago, Ill.

Feby 9, 1882

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Pope Cole & Co. to deliver to deliver to you 10 tons copper slabs which I will thank you to receive and forward to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco as provided by general order No 66, dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

A. Herndon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 9, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter received at this office from J. L. Clark of your city, also a copy of my reply to the same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

J. L. Clark, Esq.,
828 Filbert St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 9, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th. instant, I have to state that the Mint at Philadelphia is

authorized to buy silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at rates fixed from time to time by this office and which you can readily obtain upon inquiry at the Mint.

In regard to gold deposits, I will say that deposits of less value than \$100.~ or so base as to be deemed unprofitable for the operations of the Mint, may be legally refused, but it is seldom that such deposits are refused and then it is simply owing to their baseness. You have the same opportunity to sell your bullion or any silver ware at the Mint as other parties and when you have to dispose of such as bullion you can take the same to the Mint and you will readily be furnished with the price which will be paid per ounce fine for the silver contained.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Feby 9, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following awards made by you for supplies for your Mint and submitted for the approval of this office in your letter of the 8th. instant, are approved, viz:

Frank K. Ward

Council Ridge Broken Coal, hand picked and screened, 150 tons more or less at \$5.⁸⁷/₄ per ton

Rambo & Specht

Glass ~ as needed, at price list, with 60% and 5% off.

Francis D. Watson,

wood for the calendar year, 1882, more

or less, 400 cords at \$11.25 per cord.

Fellon, Ran & Sibley.

Paints and Varnish, as follows, more or less,

100 lbs Putty	at	2½¢ per lb.
2 Putty Knives	"	25¢ each
3 Gals. Varnish, Copal, inside at		\$1.25 per gal.
2 " " White Shellac	"	2.50 " "
2 " " Asphaltum	"	75¢ " "
10 " Linseed Oil	"	lowest market price
25 " Spirits Turpentine at	"	" "
1500 lbs White Lead, in oil	"	7¼¢ + 7¢ per lb.
250 " Red Lead, in oil	"	7¼ " "
10 " Indian Red	"	10¢ " "
3 " Vermillion, American	"	20¢ " "
30 " Chrome green in oil	"	16¢ " "
15 " Ultra marine blue	"	30¢ " "
3 doz. Tube Colors	"	1.20 " doz.
1 qt. Ammonia	"	11¢ " lb.
6 papers Calomine	"	30¢ " paper
10 lb. Lamp-black	"	10¢ " lb.
2 Gals. Japan	"	\$1.~ + 75¢ " gal.
½ doz 6" Brushes	"	\$10.~ " doz.
2 Wall " assorted		\$2.50 each.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.,

Feb'y 9, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, with my approval, your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881.

A Memorandum has been made on the

"Bulking and Refining Account" to the effect that the entry to the credit of that account of \$62,320.⁶² contains \$16.⁹⁰ bar charge which should have gone to the credit of "Profit and Loss," but as the amount named \$16.⁹⁰ has been deposited in the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt it will not be necessary to restate it.

Referring to the operative officers accounts, supplemental to your bullion accounts, you are instructed to keep separate accounts with the Melter and Refiner of purchased silver and silver deposited for bars, so that at any time the account with him will show the purchased silver in his hands and silver for bars. This was embraced in the original instructions given you when the new forms of accounts were prepared and it is very essential that it should be carefully carried out.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Feby 9, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Handy & Cronize 150,000 Ounces, at 1.1471

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck,

Feb'y 9. 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York

Sir:

The official bond of Philip V. B. Van Wyck, Chief Clerk of your office, executed in the sum of \$10,000.- and bearing date of the 17th ultimo, has been approved and referred to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Wolters Esq.,

Feb'y 9. 1882

Assayer, Boise City,

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$750.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$250.-

Wages of Workmen 1882)

Contingent Expenses 1882) 500.-

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.,

Feb'y 9. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Silver Bullion Book.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director

A. Holtz, Esq.

February 9, 1882

Assayer in Charge Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
been mailed you this day, viz:

20 Accounts Current,

4. Returns of ²⁰Furniture & ²⁰Fixtures.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Feby, 9, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle-
ment the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the
U.S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending
June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of ad-
justment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.

Feby 9, 1882.

State Supt. N. Y. Assay Office.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for examin-
ation and settlement your Bullion Accounts for
the quarter ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

Feb'y 9, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. C. Wilson, Esq.,

Feb'y 9, 1882

Secretary Board of Trade

Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir,

As requested in your communication of the 7th instant, I enclose herewith two circulars relative to value of standard coins in U. S. Money of Account.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

February 10, 1882.

Supt U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from General S. V. Benét, Chief of Ordnance, requesting to be informed how soon he may expect to receive the medals for army marksmanship. I will thank you to inform me when the first of the series required will be ready.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Feby 10. 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith additional table of distances to guide you in making payment for shipment of standard silver dollars, to certain towns.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

February 10. 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses, the account of the Philadelphia Inquirer amounting to \$31.62, for advertising for proposals for supplies.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Feby 10. 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Ream Bullion Account paper.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

February 10, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd inst enclosing statements of silver purchased at your Mint from January 9th. to 21st., 1882, is received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise

Feb 10, 1882

24 Nassau Street, New York.

Cannot name price that would be paid for St. Louis silver if delivered in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at New Orleans. The rate paid would be that fixed for the day the silver is delivered. The rate for to-day is one hundred fourteen and fifty-five one hundredths cents which is liable to be changed for tomorrow.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Feb'y, 10, 1882

New Orleans

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Dr. W. P. Lawver

February 11, 1882

United States Army Office.

New York, N. Y.

Please obtain from Platt & Co. statement similar to one they furnished a year ago. Form has been sent them. Ask estimated if actual figures not

obtainable. Get similar statement from Manhattan works.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

T. S. Deese, Esq.,
Smithville
Dec Co. Georgia.

February 10. 1882

Sir:

Your postal card of the 4th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office, and in reply I would say that the United States does not pay any premium for coins, and I would add further that from 1806 to 1835 inclusive no silver dollars were struck at the Mints, and it is probable that the dollar you ^{have} bearing the stamp of 1812 is not genuine or that the date has been altered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York, N. Y.

Feb'y 11. 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th. inst. transmitting statement of deposits of gold and silver bullion asked for by the Hon. Waldo Hutchins, to whom the statement will be forwarded to-day.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Homer L. Pound, Assistant in the Assayer's department of your institution, bearing date of the 10th inst., forwarded with your communication of the same date.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Assayer, Helena.

February 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

Assayer, Denver.

February 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint San Francisco,

February 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Statistical Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,
Assayer Boise City,

February 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. J. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans, La.

February 11, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th, inst., informing me that John W. McCue, a discharged employe, had made affidavit that during your term of Coiner, you had rolled out some fifteen hundred dollars in trade dollars to destroy their identity, and requesting an immediate investigation of the facts and of your administration both in the Coiner's Department and since your induction into the office of Superintendent is received.

As yet, no person connected with the Mint Service has presented to this office or made any official statement and no papers over any signature

have come to me charging you with malfeasance in office either as Superintendent or Coiner.

I did not recommend to the Secretary your appointment as Coiner until I had received the following telegram:-

New Orleans, May 25, 1880.

To Director of Mint,

Washn.

Appointment of Davis would give general satisfaction to business community and other officials. He is the man for the place.

M. F. Bonzano

[Signed]

[Signed]

Jas. Albrecht

which no officers of the Mint should have authorized to be sent if he had knowledge of your previous official misconduct.

Should the affidavit of which you speak, or other papers, making a specific charge, come to me officially, I will cause a thorough examination to be made at as early a day as practicable.

Respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feb. 11, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your contingent expenses bill of Frederick Eckfeldt for expenses in attending the Annual assay amounting to \$20.⁸⁵.

Please forward a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,

Director.

W. Silver Esq.

February 11, 1882.

Supt. U.S. Mint.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant returning your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, with an explanation as to the difference of \$63.57, in the reported expenditure for incidental expenses, I have to say that I desire you to report on your quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures only the amounts actually expended by you, and not to include any amount paid at this Department from your appropriation.

On your Annual statement of earnings and expenditures, you will please report as a separate item in addition to the amounts expended by you, the amount of the bills paid at the Department from your appropriation during the year, of which you may be notified.

I will not return the statement referred to but will check as correct the amount of \$634.74.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.Hon. Waldo Huttons,

February 11, 1882

House of Representatives.

Sir:

Please enclosed find statement of the deposits of the United States Assay Office at New York, sent me by the Superintendent for transmission to you. I also send you by mail a copy of the Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Office and a copy of my Annual report for the year 1880.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard, Director.

Hon. Frank H. H. H. H.

February 11, 1882

Chairman Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation of to-day and my letter to the Secretary of the Treasury of January 4th. last, in regard to Deficiency Appropriation for the transportation of gold bullion from the New York Assay Office to the Philadelphia Mint and return of gold coin from the Philadelphia Mint to the New York Assay Office, I have the honor to state, that the bullion referred to was deposited at the New York Assay Office in exchange and paid for by the United States in coin under the provisions of Section 3545 of the Revised Statutes. It is regarded as a part of the funds of the Treasury at the disposal of the Secretary for payment of bonds, redemption of United States legal tender notes &c., but to be available for use in making such payments it must be transported to the Mints for coinage and the resulting coin returned to the Assay Office or to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer's Offices.

The amount of such gold bullion at the New York Assay Office on the 28th ult. was over \$48,000,000, the cost of transporting which to Philadelphia and the resulting coin to the New York Assay Office will be \$43,000.

The amount of gold coin and bullion at the Philadelphia Mint on the 6th inst. was over \$40,000,000 to transport which, when coined, to the Assay Office or Assistant Treasurer's Office at New York will cost \$20,000.

For many years prior to the commencement of the fiscal year 1880 the amount annually to be transported from the New York Assay Office to the

Letter changed. See page 174.

R. S. Fisher, Esq.,

No. 70 Wall Street

New York, N. Y.

February 13, 1882.

Sir:

Yours of the 10th. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting a copy of the latest report of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this office. I send you by to-days mail a copy of my Annual report for 1881, supposing that to be the report you desire.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

February 13, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th instant in relation to the settlement of Mr Butters accounts as Acting Coiner, and asking if it would not be well to allow him to complete the allotment for the present month, and in reply I have to state that a complete settlement of the Acting Coiner's accounts should be made, all the sweeps, filings &c. accruing during the time he was acting as Coiner should be collected and delivered to you.

Should you not be able to complete the allotment for the present month, you will advise this office and the amount which you will fall short can be coined by either the Philadelphia or San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Johnson Bros.
 Cor. 12th & F. Sts.
 City.

February 13, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 7th instant for 2 tons W. A. Egg Coal purchased for the use of the laboratory, in connection with this bureau, amounting to \$12.26, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Philadelphia Mint and returned in coin was less than \$10,000,000, and the appropriations for the expenses of transportation ranged from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The heavy importation of foreign coin and bullion brought in 1880 to the New York Assay Office \$60,534,394, in 1881, \$71,499,169, and in the first half of the fiscal year 1882, 25,992,903, a total of over \$177,000,000, for the increased expense of transporting which the appropriations were increased but \$30,000 for the period.

The specific appropriations for the last four fiscal years were insufficient to pay the necessary expenses of transportation and there is now due the Adams Express Company for the transportation of coin and bullion between New York and Philadelphia the sum of \$29,835.79, to meet which there is only the unexpended balance of the Appropriation of 1881, of 3,483.75.

Enclose statement of the amount due for each year, also statements showing the character and amount of the gold deposits at the New York Assay Office, of bars made for transpor-

tation to the Mints and the appropriations for the last seven years.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Rand McNally & Co.

Chicago, Ill.

#148 Monroe St.

February 13, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 1st instant for 1 copy Encly. of Political Science Vol. 1, purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$9, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Assayer, Helena.

February 13, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3817 for \$325- being on account of Assays of ore enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

February 13, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing a corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1881. In reference to the amount of contingent expenses, I have to inform you that I have checked the amount of \$9944.³⁷ as being correct instead of \$9458.⁸⁹ as reported on your statement.

You will please not include in your quarterly reports of expenditures, bills paid at this Department from your appropriation, but only report the amount expended by you as shown by your accounts.

On your annual statement you will please report, as a separate item, the bills paid at this Department from the appropriation of which you may have been informed.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Brig. Genl. S. V. Benit
 Chief of Ordnance
 War Department.

February 13, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant requesting to be informed how soon you might expect to receive the Army Marksmanship Medals, I have to say that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia states that it will be at least a month before the first two (2) dies are ready and possibly a little longer, the work on one of them being very difficult.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. A. London Snowden
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 13, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause the following dies to be prepared and transmitted to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, viz:

Standard Silver dollar 15 obverse

do do do 15 reverse.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans

Feb. 13, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant requesting 15 obverse and 15 reverse standard silver dollars dies to be furnished you, and have instructed the Superintendent at Philadelphia to cause the same to be forwarded.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Herman Silver,
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Feb'y 13, 1882

Phillepp's removal disapproved. Suspend appointment of successor until cause of removal submitted and considered.

Letter by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Feb'y 13. 1882

Sir:

The following coins selected from the January deliveries of your mint and forwarded to this office for special assay have been received, viz:

One Double Eagle	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Four Half Eagles	<u>20.00</u>
Four Standard Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>44.00</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
Carson.

Feb'y 13. 1882

Sir:

The following coins selected from the January deliveries of your Mint and forwarded to this office for special assay have been received, viz:

One Double Eagle	\$ <u>20.00</u>
One Half Eagle	<u>5.00</u>
Three Standard Dollars	<u>3.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>28.00</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

February 14, 1882

Sir:

Referring to my dispatch of yesterday disapproving the removal of W. J. Phillips, workman in your

Mint I desire to say that I had been requested by the Senators ^{and} Representatives from your state in case changes in employes of the Mint were proposed that they be advised before final action was taken.

In my absence the removal of Mr Phillipps was received and approved by the Acting Director, he not knowing that this request had been made, and for that reason I telegraphed you suspending action in the case until you might submit the causes of the removal.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Alex. H. Stephens,
House of Representatives.

Feb'y, 14. 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult. recommending the retention in the New Orleans Mint, of Mrs. Cahn also of Mr. B. F. Butler, was duly received, and I have written to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans and expressed the hope that your request will receive favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Montana.

Feb'y 14. 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your institution 1882, bill of of the Star Union Line for transportation of one (1) barrel

of Borax from Philadelphia to Chicago, as per duplicate bill of lading enclosed herewith in November, 1881, amounting to \$42.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crauford, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint. of the U.S.
 Carson, Nev.

Feby. 14, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 2nd inst. transmitting three copies of the State Comptroller's Report for the year ending December 31st, 1881, has been received with thanks.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Col. A. Gordon Snowden,
 Supt. Mint of the U.S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby. 14, 1882

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 13th is received with thanks and I enclose herewith one dollar in payment of the proof standard dollar therein transmitted for Mr. Clark of the Associated Press.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Feby. 14, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and

settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Star Union Line for transportation from Washington to Chicago in December 1881, of four (4) boxes stationery amounting to \$8.84 as per duplicate bill and bill of lading enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,
 Assayer, Denver.

Feb'y 14, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb'y 14, 1882.

Sir:

Please find enclosed account of Mr Eckfeldt in duplicate, as requested in your letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Prof. T. Eggleston,
 Columbia College,
 New York City.

Feb'y 14, 1882

Sir:

In further reply to yours of the 8th instant, I have to state that the electrotpe plates referred to

by you, are the property of the government and I have no authority to dispose of them.

If you desire however they can be loaned to you for the purpose of having copies made and the originals returned to this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury

Feb'y 14, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-seven $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$25,377.\frac{62}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred Forty-five $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($\$245.\frac{72}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars ($\$25,623.\frac{41}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 215, dated Feb'y 6th 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury

Feb'y 14, 1882

Sir:

I find that additional clerical force is needed in my Bureau to enable me to keep proper records and make the necessary examinations of the accounts of the Mints relating to the purchase

reception, treatment coinage and disposition of silver bullion purchased for the coinage of the standard silver dollar and I have the honor to request that in addition to the clerks at present in my Bureau, the employment of a clerk or copyist for this work be authorized at a compensation not exceeding the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid from the appropriation contained in the Act of February 28th, 1878 to authorize the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

February 14, 1882

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th, instant, I have to say in regard to the first point, as to depositing with and checking on the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis for paying depositors in coin, that while it is true that Sections 3620³⁴ & 3488, R. S. require disbursing officers who have public money entrusted to them for disbursement to deposit the same with the Treasurer or some one of the Assistant Treasurers of the United States and to draw on the same only as it may be required for payments to be made by them, there are other sections of the Revised Statutes, notably 3506³⁴ & 3545, which allow the officers in charge of the Mints & Assay Offices to keep in their institutions all moneys or bullion which should be for the use or the expenses of their institutions. I think, however, as a matter of convenience for yourself and safety, it would be preferable for you to check against the

Assistant Treasurer for all payments except for petty expenses and for change in paying depositors for bars, which can be done by keeping small amounts on hand. If a depositor insists upon being paid in coin, you should make your check payable in coin. If any practical difficulty is found in paying depositors in coin by check, I will ask that an advance be made you of the amount necessary for the purpose of paying in coin instead of by check.

Second, in relation to imposing a toughening charge on purchased bullion containing copper, but not containing other metals tending to make it brittle, I have to reply that as this interrogatory can only relate to gold bullion deposited for coin (as you are not authorized to purchase silver bullion except contained in gold deposits) if you receive any gold bullion which contains copper without any embrittling metals and without any silver it would not be necessary to impose a toughening charge, but in shipping such bullion to the Mint for coinage it would be necessary to ship it separate from other bullion and inform the Mint as to its character, otherwise they would be likely to run all the bars which you ship at one time into one melt and impose a refining charge upon the whole.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

Feb'y 14, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 23, for \$42.- being on account of Assays of ore enclosed in your communication of the 6th inst., has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no per-

sonal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt". All certificates of deposit should be forwarded to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram

Omaha Smelting Company
Omaha, Nebraska.

Feb'y 15, 1882.

Parity of to-days London rate is one hundred fifteen and two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Feb'y 16, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, per registered mail, of one box containing statistical information as advised in your letter of the 8th, instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Hon. J. H. Jones

Feb'y 16, 1882

House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th, inst. is received, and in reply, I send you copies of Circular relative to Purchase of Mutilated Silver Coins at the Mints of the U. S. which will doubtless furnish the information desired.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director

Messrs Geo. W. Wicks & Son,
174 Centre Street, New York.

February 16, 1882

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find Treasury Draft #B. 16269 for \$130.⁰⁰ drawn in your favor in payment of punching machine supplied for the use of the Laboratory connected with this Bureau. Please acknowledge receipt of the same.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

February, 16, 1882

San Francisco, Cal.

When will Langers report upon mines and production of counties visited by him in California and Arizona be mailed? Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

February 16, 1882

New Orleans.

Bond of Jones has been approved. ~
Deliver Commissions. His salary will commence on tenth instant, but he need not enter on duty until settlement of present Coiner is completed.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.

Feb'y 16, 1882

San Francisco,

The results of the Annual Assay showed all the coins to be well within the tolerance for weight and fineness. Full report by mail as soon as printed.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Helmrich + Hansen Feb. 16, 1882
 San Francisco
 Seventy-five thousand ounces of your offer at one hundred fourteen and two tenths cents accepted balance declined.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, Feb. 16, 1882
 San Francisco.
 Seventy-five thousand ounces of your offer accepted.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer, Feb. 16, 1882
 San Francisco.
 Your offer accepted.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, Feb. 16, 1882
 San Francisco.
 Receive from Daniel Meyer sixty-five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one eighth cent per ounce fine, from Anglo Californian Bank and Helmrich + Hansen seventy-five thousand ounces each at one hundred fourteen and two tenths cents per ounce fine.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Wandy + Cronise, Feb. 16, 1882
 24 Nassau Street, New York
 Your offer for Philadelphia accepted, that for New Orleans declined.
 Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Feby, 16, 1882
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred
 fourteen and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Feby, 16, 1882
New Orleans.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
 eighty-five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen
 and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Feby, 16, 1882
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of Williams declined.

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting Company Feby, 16, 1882
Omaha, Nebraska.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Confirmed

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq. February 16, 1882
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treas-
 urer of the United States at San Francisco No.
 4,602 for Four Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$408)
 being the value of the coins reserved (\$386.75 in
 gold and 23 Standard Silver Dollars) from the

coinage of your Mint during the months of July, August, September, October, Novemberth and December 1881, and forwarded for special test as prescribed by the Regulations. Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. I. Davis, Esq.

February, 16, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans No. 4,054, for Forty-three Dollars (\$43.) being the value of the coins reserved (\$20.- in gold and 23 Standard Silver Dollars) from the coinage of your Mint during the months of July, August, September, October, Novemberth and December 1881, and forwarded for special test as prescribed by the regulations.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Feb'y 16, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco No. 4,603 for Seventy-seven Dollars (\$77.) being the value of the coins reserved (\$70.- in gold and 7 Standard Silver Dollars) from the coinage of your Mint

during the months of Novemberth & December, 1881, (no coins received for the months of July, August, Septemberth & October of the same year) and forwarded for special test as prescribed by the regulations.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb'y 16. 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, No. 20,062, for Two Hundred and Fifty-one Dollars (\$251.-) being the value of the coins reserved (\$230.- in gold and 21 standard silver dollars) from the coinage of your Mint during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December 1881, and forwarded for special test as prescribed by the regulations.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the draft.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Kern, Henninger & Co.

New York City.

Feb'y. 16. 1882

Gentlemen:

Your statement showing the amount of bullion treated at your works during the year 1881, has been received for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Feby, 16, 1882

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces at, \$1,147⁵⁰

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer, St. Louis.

Feby 16, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$300.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$300.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson

Feby 16, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 542. for \$1,089.⁶⁹, being in account of refining earnings, enclosed in your communication of the 1st instant, has been received properly

endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Feb. 16. 1882

Supt Mint San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 551, for \$178.⁴⁰ being in account of melting charge in January enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst., has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

Feb. 16. 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 552, for \$7063.⁸⁴ being in account of refining earnings in January 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

C. L. Dodge Esq.

Feby, 16. 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. L. No. 553, for \$170.⁸⁹, being on account of Alloy charges in January, 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 17, 1882

Sir:

In compliance with your reference of the enclosed letter of Frank W. Pagenhoff, Clerk of the Senate Committee on Mines and Mining, asking for your views upon the bill for the establishment of an Assay Office in the city of Omaha and your directions to report upon the subject matter of the communication I have the honor to say, that on the 17th of February, 1881, my views upon the propriety of establishing an Assay Office at Omaha were communicated to the Hon. Alvin Saunders, of the United States Senate, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. It contained such information as, at that time, I had upon the subject.

Supplies of silver bullion for the coinage of standard dollars at the New Orleans Mint are now obtained from Omaha, St. Louis and Denver, and at a less cost, compared with the London rate, than one year ago. An Assay Office at Omaha would be of local advantage to the owners of gold and silver bullion, who have to send their bullion

eastward by the railroads terminating at Omaha.
The letter of the Clerk of the Senate Committee
on Mines and Mining is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Feb'y, 17. 1882

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th, inst. informing me that
no one in your Mint knows for what purpose the
column marked "check" is intended has been
received.

I suppose the word "check" to be a misprint
for the word "chip". I did not suggest the column.
My recollection is that the clerks in the Muller^{2d}
Refiner's Dept. who proposed this form of keeping a
complete record which would show the daily re-
ceipts and disposition of the gold and silver bullion
and the Standard ounces of each that come into
the possession of the Muller^{2d} Refiner, proposed a
column in which to enter the weight of the chips
sent to the Assayer stating that the difference between
the total weight of the deposit and the chip would
be the amount to be accounted for either as sent to
the Refinery or made into ingots.

Perhaps it would be preferable to have the chip
column ruled to give the ounces of standard gold
and standard silver contained in the chip, but
I have ordered it printed as called for by your
requisition changing the word check to chip.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Feby. 17. 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th. instant in relation to Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures form 207, for the third and fourth quarters of 1881, I desire to say that you will only report as expenditures the amount expended by you not including any items paid at the Department in Washington from your appropriations.

On your annual statement of earnings ^{and} expenditures, you will please report as a separate item the amount of the bills paid at the Department on account of your Mint of which you may have been informed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury,

Feby 17, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, be increased by a transfer of fifty thousand (50,000) standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Wyck, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Feby. 17. 1882

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased by a transfer of 50,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Ronald C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint
Philadelphia.

Feby 17, 1882

Sir:

The package forwarded by Adams Express containing \$778.57, being the value, less charges, of the Assay slips sent you on the 6th., inst. by the Assayer of this Bureau has been received. From the Memoranda enclosed it appears that deductions or charges of \$1. on the silver and \$2. on the gold were made.

By referring to my letter forwarding the bullion you will observe that I requested you to return the coinage value thereof without deductions, meaning thereby that no charges should be made in determining the value, which is eminently proper as the bullion belongs to the government and the Assayer returns to me in coin the same amount given him for assay.

I therefore return the Memoranda and request that you will enter no charges on your abstracts for the bullion and make the corresponding changes in the memoranda and forward to me the amount of the charges.

Very respectfully,
Ronald C. Burchard, Director.

Mess. Chas. Platt, & Co.

Feby 17, 1882.

No 4 Liberty Place
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your statement of the amount and locality of production of bullion treated at your smelting works is received for which accept thanks.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

February, 17, 1882

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$25.00. - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>5.00.</u> -
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>1.00.</u> -
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>1.00.</u> -

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. R. Chisholm, Esq.

Feby 17, 1882

Mining Record,

61 Broadway, New York

Sir:

Your bill of the 16th. inst. for 12 months subscription from January 1, 1882, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$4.~ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and

Mess. Ludwig, Seyas & Co.,
 Altggersdorf, Austria.
 Gentlemen:

Feby 17. 1882.

Your letter of the 27. of January is received, I will forward your request for an order for additional machines to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint with the request that if he thinks they will be needed for his mint, he order them at the present time. I should not myself give an order without his expressed desire.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Mess. Rees, Welsh & Co.
 No 23. So. 9th St.,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby, 17. 1882

Gentlemen:

I return you by Adams Express two volumes that I did not want but which, at your suggestion, I submitted to Mr Spofford the Librarian of Congress. One of them "King on Precious Stones." - I was not aware was among the volumes that I laid out to purchase. At any rate, I do not need it as it does not particularly relate to the precious metals.

Please make out a bill for the remaining volumes. The treatise on Gems was, I think to be \$1.25, instead of \$1.75.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

February 17, 1882

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to two letters from this office of the 1st inst. one in relation to Vouchers #14 and 18 of your account of expenditures for "Fixtures and apparatus, bills of Messrs Barnes and Morrison for plumbing &c, and the other referring to vouchers for "petty bills", pertaining to both of your accounts for the six months ending December 31st 1881. I desire to say that these accounts cannot be acted upon, without disallowance, until the information called for in these letters is furnished. I will therefore thank you to give them immediate attention.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

Feb'y 18, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Nine Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$934.[~]) in Gold coin, and Ten ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10.95) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nine Hundred Forty-four ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$944. ⁹⁵/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 271, dated Feb'y, 14, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. James Gilfillan,
U. S. Treasurer,

February 18, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th. instant calling attention to letter from this office of January 28, 1882, to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting the transfer of (\$8,272.¹¹) from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco and that you are advised by the Superintendent of said Mint that the amount is in excess of the value of the bullion received from said Assay Office by sixty cents 60^c.

In reply I have to say that the amount to be transferred in gold coin should be \$8,212.¹¹ and not \$8,213.⁰⁷ as stated in letter of this office of the 28th of January, which would make the correct amount to be transferred \$8,271.⁰⁷ and not \$8,272.¹¹ as heretofore reported.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

February 17, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Silver Books

1 Miscellaneous Letter Book

1 Department Letter Book

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.

Feby, 17, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank, Assayer's Register of Silver Ingots, and as requested in your letter of the 15th. inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

February 18, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your action in accepting the proposal of the San Francisco Gas Light Company to furnish such an amount of gas as may be required for use in your Mint from February 15 to June 30, 1882 at the rate of \$1.50 per one thousand feet is approved.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.

Feby, 18, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1880, bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation of supplies

shipped your Mint in June 1880, from Kansas City to Denver, amounting to \$58.47. Please make the proper entry in your book.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

Feby, 18. 1882.

91 Concoman Building.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation of supplies from Kansas City to Denver in June 1880, amounting to \$58.47, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Leary & Co.

Feby, 18. 1882.

#9 South 9th St.

Phila.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 10th instant, for books purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$7.25, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Feb'y, 18. 1882.

Supt. New York Assay Office.

Sir:

C. D. No. 591, for \$185.⁵⁷ being on account of melting, alloy, and bar charges enclosed in your communication of the 16th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Feb'y 18. 1882

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 592 for \$9,030.⁹⁵, being on account of refinery earnings for January 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 16th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Feb'y 18. 1882.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of the 16th instant enclosing Certificate of deposit, No 590. for 633.⁴⁸ bar charges collected during the second, third rd and fourth quarters of the calendar year 1881.

It appears that you have deducted this amount from the Parting rd Refining earnings of your institution during the month of January 1881.

On the 4th. instant, I addressed a letter to Mr Acton, late Superintendent in which I called his attention to the fact that the amount of 633.⁴⁸, arising from bar charge had been erroneously carried in his bullion accounts to the credit of "Parting rd Refining" account and instructed him to transfer from this account to Parting rd Loss the sum named. Instead of doing this it would appear that the amount has been deducted from your refinery earnings of the present month.

Of course if you are willing that the earnings of the refinery of your institution should appear reduced by this amount, I have no objection to making the correction in the present quarter and covering this certificate into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt, but it would have been preferable to have had the error corrected in Mr Acton's accounts for the fourth quarter, 1881.

Please let me hear from you on this subject before the certificate is covered into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

J. W. Johnson, Esq.,
No 7 Mason St.

Feby, 18. 1882.

Jackson, Mich.

Sir,

Yours of the 18th. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to me for reply.

There is no circular issued by this Bureau giving the premium on old coins, nor does the United States receive them at more than their face value. It is possible, however, that Messrs Scott & Co. No. 146 Fulton Street, New York, dealers in such coins, could furnish the desired information.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Logan H. Root, Esq.,
Merchants National Bank
Little Rock, Ark.

Feby, 18. 1882

Sir,

Your communication of the 31st ult. I regret to say, has been overlooked. I enclose you a circular giving the information desired which I hope will not come too late to be of service.

With personal regards to yourself, and sincere wishes for your continued success and prosperity I am,

Yours very truly,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York, N. Y.

Feby 18. 1882

Sir,

Enclosed I forward you a circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to the

briefing of communications, to which you will please call the attention of your clerks and see that it is observed in the transmission of communications to this office.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Geo. B. Cockhill, Esq.,
U.S. District Attorney,
Washington, D.C.

Feb'y, 18, 1882.

Sir:

Please send me copies of speeches made on behalf of the Government in the Guitian trial by yourself and Messrs Davidge and Peter, or inform me where to obtain them.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Houdon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb'y, 18, 1882.

Sir:

Your requesting permission to purchase "cylinder" tallow supplied under the bid is received and for the reasons stated in your communication, bills for the purchase of cylinder tallow will be approved.

In preparing schedules for bids under the next advertisement, please be careful to insert such a full description as will require the delivery of the precise article needed, or have a sample furnished by the bidder so that no misunderstanding will arise as to the terms of the contract.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. R. P. Bland,

February 18, 1882.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th, instant asking certain information and have to reply as follows:

1st. The cost of distributing silver dollars for the four (4) fiscal years ended June 30, 1881, was

For 1878	\$ 77,999. ⁹³ / ₁₀₀
1879	93,297. ⁷¹ / ₁₀₀
1880	65,336. ⁴² / ₁₀₀
1881	90,476. ⁸⁸ / ₁₀₀
Total	327,110. ⁴⁴ / ₁₀₀

The cost of transporting silver bullion as per the terms of the contract of the Adams Express Company with the Treasury Department is sixty hundredths ($\frac{60}{100}$) of a cent per mile, per one thousand (1,000) dollars, with a minimum rate of one (1) dollar per one thousand (1,000) dollars to each express carrying when the distance at the prescribed rate does not equal that sum.

No silver bullion has been transported by the government to the Philadelphia Mint since 1878. All silver bullion now purchased is delivered free of charge by the sellers. In March and April, 1878, there was purchased in London for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint, free of charge for transportation 4,784,860.01 standard ounces silver costing \$5,214,990. ¹²/₁₀₀ since which time this office has no knowledge of the purchase of any foreign bullion for delivery at any of the coinage mints.

In reply to the last inquiry in your letter as to what amount of silver has been coined at the San Francisco Mint in excess of what would have been coined there had the facilities of the Philadelphia Mint been such as to have coined

the whole amount of standard dollars required by law to be coined monthly. I would say as this depends upon so many contingencies, it is impossible to answer the question, but as a skilled force of employes has to be kept at the San Francisco Mint it has been deemed advisable to coin a large portion of the silver dollar coinage at that institution.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint

Feby 20, 1882

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and forty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

Feby, 20, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Enclosed find forms for Assayer's reports referred to in my letter of the 3rd, inst.

Please submit them to the Assayer for consideration, and, if satisfactory, have requisitions made for a supply for the use of your office.

If changes are desired by him in the form, I shall be glad to hear from him.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Feby, 20. 1882

Supt Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your two letters of the 13th. inst. forwarding statements of ores and bullion transported by the Central Pacific Railroad and of bullion carried by Wells Fargo & Co. have been received.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Boudon Innoce, Esq.,

Feby 20. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will coin 25,000 standard silver dollars, in addition to the amount heretofore allotted you for the current month.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Feby 20. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Superintendent's Order Book.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

February 20, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of one million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. George W. Cassidy,
House of Representatives.

Feby. 20, 1882

Sir:

In accordance with your verbal request, I send you 25 copies of my reports, 15 of them being the report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the year 1880, and 10 my Annual Report for the year 1881, to be mailed to the editors and proprietors of newspapers in the state of Nevada and to such other persons interested in gold and silver mining as you may desire.

Copies of the report on Precious Metals have already been sent to the "Appeal," Carson, "Nevada Herald," Nevada City, and the "Ruby Hill News," Ruby Hill, and the Superintendent of the Carson Mint has received fifty copies for distribution.

I found that I could better spare some copies of my Annual Report, fewer copies of which have been sent to your state, and as you inquired for the former, I have sent them in place of the work on the Production of the Precious Metals.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,

Feby, 21, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I advised you in December that I had sent you for distribution 500 copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals. But 300 were mailed at that date, and the latter part of January the remaining 200 were forwarded. In the meantime, I had received the request from you to send copies to the names upon a list which you furnished. They were mailed directly from this office to the persons (236 in number) whose names are on the enclosed list, which I have copied and which I return you in order that you may not send duplicates. On the 11th. and 25th. of November I also sent you a list of other persons and newspapers to whom copies had been mailed directly from this office.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

A. Woodward, Esq.,

Feby, 21, 1882.

Librarian American Museum Nat. History,

77th. St. + 8th. Av.

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 20th. inst. I send you by to days mail copies of the Annual Reports of this Bureau for the years 1878 to 1881, inclusive, with the exception of 1874 the supply for which year is exhausted; also a copy of my Special report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S. for 1880.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Bey. C. Wright, Esq.,
Evening Bulletin
San Francisco, Cal.

Feby, 21st, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst is received, and I am pleased to learn that you are making good use of the extra copies of my report unintentionally sent you.

The Finance Report has been ordered printed for distribution by Congress, and doubtless the Senators or Representatives of your State will send you a copy, I have none at my command.

I read with interest your article on the redemption of uncurrent silver coin.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thos. W. Arrington, Esq.,
Rocky Mount,
Edgecombe Co, N. C.

Feby 21, 1882.

Sir:

Yours of the 15th. inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the U. S., asking the value of old silver plate, has been referred to me for reply.

Silver bullion and mutilated coins are purchased at the Mints only by weight as bullion, and the value depends upon the price of silver on the day they are received at the Mint. At present the price paid by the Mint at New Orleans is about $\$1.17\frac{1}{100}$ per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Geo. H. Hazlitt, Esq.,

Feby. 21, 1882.

Proprietor of the "Jeweller,"
No 172 Clark Street,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

In accordance with the request of the Hon.
Geo. R. Davis, that reports and papers issued by
this Bureau be sent you, I forward by this mail
copies of my special report on the Production of the
Precious Metals in the U.S. for 1880, and my Annual
report for 1881; also circulars estimating the values
of Foreign coins in U.S. Money of Account and in
regard to the Purchase of Mutilated Silver coins
at the Mints of the U.S.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jas. J. Taylor, Esq.,

Feby 21, 1882

Texarkana, Texas.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th. inst., I en-
close you a circular containing the desired in-
formation. Send your mutilated coins to the Mint
at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr John Englehd -

Feby 21, 1882

West Alexandria
Peeble Co. Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. containing a
sample of sand for inspection is received. The
Assayer of this Bureau is of the opinion that it

contains neither gold or silver. If however you desire it assayed forward about two pounds and with it \$3. the price fixed by the Department for each sample of ore assayed, and I will have a report thereon sent you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

T. J. Lingenfeller Esq.,
Decatur, Texas.

Feb'y 21, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th. inst, enclosing a sample of lead ore for assay is received. The sample sent is too small from which to make a thorough test. If you will send about two pounds and with it \$3. the price fixed by the Department for each sample of ore assayed, I will have the same assayed and a report thereon sent you.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

David McCartney, Esq.,
Sterling, Ills.

Feb'y 20, 1882.

Sir:

I mail you the speech of Mr Cockhill in the Guitan trial and his letter informing me that the addresses of Mess Davidge and Porter have not been printed. Should they be printed I will forward you copies.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Feb'y, 21, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending January 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Feb'y 21, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.First Auditor,

Feb'y, 21, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending January 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Carson

Feb'y 21, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

Feb'y, 21, 1882.

Treasury Department
Sir,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Mining Statistical Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the month ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer, Helena.

Feb'y, 21, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Statistical Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint Phila

Feby 21, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1882,

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby, 21, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Gustav Reichart, Night Watchman, in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 16th instant, forwarded with your communication of the 20th, instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 21, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000. payable from the appropriation contained in the 1st. Section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard silver dollars passed February 28, 1878, to enable you to pay the bills of Pope, Cole & Co, in accordance with my letter of this date.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

February 21, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for payment upon receipt of the goods in proper order, duplicate receipted bills of Pope, Cole & Co. for 20,000 lbs of Copper amounting to \$3,975- enclosed in your letter of the 18th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.

Feb'y 21, 1882.

No 57 So. Gay St.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 4th instant for 20 casks of Baltimore Ingot Copper (20,000 lbs) at 19 $\frac{7}{8}$ ¢ per pound amounting to \$3,975- furnished the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint named, with instructions to send you a draft for the amount upon receipt of the Copper in proper order.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Feb'y 21, 1882.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

As previously instructed you will please forward with your bullion accounts each quarter, copies of your shipment statements to the Mints and of the Mint memoranda. I find

you have not done so in connection with your accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, and I will therefore thank you to forward copies of the shipments ^{and} reports thereon, in October, November ^{and} December 1881, to be placed with that account.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Feby 21. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford Esq.,

A. Houdon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Feby 21. 1882,

Forward by mail to-day statement showing the number of standard ounces and cost of the silver bullion received in payment of charges on deposits of silver bullion for bars for each of the four quarters of the calendar year eighteen eighty-one.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram

A. Wolters, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Feb'y 21, 1882.

Have you prepared report called for by letter of December twentieth, and when will it be mailed? Answer.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

John D. Defries, Esq.,
Public Printer.

Feb'y 21, 1882.

Sir:

Please deliver to bearer the plates used for printing the engravings illustrating Prof. Eggleston's article in my report on the Production of Gold and Silver for 1880.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

Feb'y, 21, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of 1,000,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger

Feb'y 21, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer

be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,732.93) in Gold Coin, and Eleven $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars (\$11.45) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,743.98) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 197, dated Feby 3, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

Feby, 21, 1882

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Three $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,663.75) in Gold Coin, and Ten $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$10.40) in Silver Coin making a total of One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,674.25) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 279, dated Feby 16, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
Denver Mint

February 21, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will inform me what progress you are making in preparing a detailed descriptive report upon the production and mines of Colorado and when it will be ready to be mailed; also what arrangements you have made for procuring special articles and how soon I may expect to receive them.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Rees Welsh & Co.
23, S. Ninth Street,
Phila.

Feb'y 21, 1882.

Gents:

Your bill of the 10th instant for books purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$8.26 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Chas. Holt & Son
50 Exchange Place
New York.

Feb'y 21, 1882

Gents:

Your bill of the 17th inst. for 500 cupels purchased for the use of the laboratory in connec-

time with this bureau, amounting to \$20. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Honorio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting Company, Feb'y, 22, 1882.
Omaha, Nebraska.

Parity of yesterdays London rate One hundred fourteen and eighty nine hundredths cents per ounce fine. No quotation received to-day.

Honorio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint Feb'y 23, 1882.
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of Williams accepted.

Confirmed
Honorio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company Feb'y 23, 1882.
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at One hundred fourteen and sixty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Honorio C. Burckhard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Bank of California Feb'y 23, 1882.
San Francisco.

Fifty thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

Confirmed
Honorio C. Burckhard, Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Feb'y 23. 1882

Sixty thousand ounces of your offer at One hundred fourteen seven tenths cents for Philadelphia accepted, balance declined.

Confirmed Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall Street,
New York.

Feb'y 23. 1882

Your offer accepted.

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer Laidlaw & Co.
San Francisco. No 12, Wall St. N. York.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Feb'y 23, 1882.

Receive from Laidlaw & Co. one hundred ^{thousand} ounces,
from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand ounces, at
one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine,
from Bank of California fifty thousand ounces at
one hundred fourteen and ten hundredths cents
per ounce fine.

Confirmed Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Omaha Smelting Company
Omaha, Nebraska.

Parity of 6-days London rate is one hundred fourteen
and eighty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Honatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram Helmiach & Hansen
 San Francisco.
 Your offer declined.

Feb'y. 23. 1882

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard
 Director

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Feb'y. 23. 1882

Boim only one hundred thousand silver dollars in
 February.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia

Feb'y 23. 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made
 this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the
 Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following
 parties, at the rates and for the amounts respect-
 ively named, which you will receive and pay
 for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars
 or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York
 payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Jas. B. Colgate & Co. 76,000 Ounces, at 1,146 7/8
Hardy & Cronise 60,000 Ounces at 1,147 0

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

Feb'y 23. 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made

this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company 40,000 Ounces, at \$1,1465-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

Feb'y 23. 1882.

Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing #3, amount of charges deducted from the Assay Slips deposited by the Assayer of this Bureau has been received.

As the Memoranda enclosed appear to be of a deposit made by yourself of coins and bars resulting from the Annual Assay they are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,

Late Supt. U.S. Assay Office.

New York City, U.S.

Feb'y 23. 1882

Sir:

From an examination of the Abstract Sheets accompanying your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1881. I find that the correct

charges have not been imposed in all cases upon deposits of Gold bullion.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the enclosed memorandum showing the rate of charge imposed on certain deposits during the quarter named and the rate authorized by the Regulations with the request that you will explain the same

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Receipt No.	Depositor.	Rate Charged.	Rate Authorized by Regulations
3283	<u>J. C. Babcock</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>4%</u>
3576	<u>A. Levinson</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
3606	<u>Wandys Cronise</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
3710	<u>F. Fisher</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
3730	<u>Box Sedgwick</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
3759	<u>Geo. C. Taylor</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
3854	<u>J. C. Babcock</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb'y 23, 1882

Sir,

I do not find the names of the following employes on the Pay rolls of your Mint for the month of January 1882, viz:

C. B. Williams

Adjuster

R. McWade

do

M. R. Shuffield

do

Please inform me whether they are still employed or, if not, the date of their removal or resignation.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

Feb'y 23. 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

Feb'y. 23. 1882

Assayer, Charlotte.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Feb'y. 23. 1882

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3718, for \$260.⁰⁷, being an account of charges enclosed in your communication of the 31st. ult, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Feb'y 23. 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 590. for \$633.⁴⁸, being on account of bar charges enclosed in your communication of the 16th. inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

February 23. 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$2,962. being the value of coins of the calendar year 1881, reserved and forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for assay.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Feb'y 23, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of \$317. being the value of coins of the calendar year

1781, reserved and forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for assay.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Hodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Feby, 23, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$35,465. being the value of coins of the calendar year 1881, reserved and forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia for assay.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Robt. H. Engle, Esq.,

No 1413, N. 19th St.

Philadelphia

Feby 21, 1882.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 20th. inst. I enclose you a copy of the proceedings of the Assay Commissioners at the Annual Assays of 1880 and 1881.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Wm. Chaof Folger

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion

Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500.000.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 23. 1852

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of one Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mints,
New Orleans, La.

Feby 23. 1852

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 500,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Feb'y 23, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 1,000,000, standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Feb'y 23, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Three Hundred and Forty Five Dollars (\$345.) in gold coin and One Hundred and Seventy Two Dollars (\$172.) in standard silver dollars, making a total of Five Hundred and Seventeen Dollars, (\$517.) the same being the value of coins reserved for assay from the coinage of the Carson Mint, for the calendar year 1881, and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Feb'y 23, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be

made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U.S. at New Orleans to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Ninety Dollars (\$90.) in gold coin and Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two (\$2,572.) in standard silver dollars, making a total of Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars (\$2,962.) the same being the value of coins reserved for assay from the coinage of the New Orleans Mint for the calendar year 1881, and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 23, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand and Eighty Five Dollars (\$29,085.) in gold coin and Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$6,380.) in standard silver dollars, making a total of Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars, (\$35,465.) the same being the value of coins reserved for assay from the coinage of the San Francisco Mint for the calendar year 1881 and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Feby 24. 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of yesterday advising you of the purchase of 60,000 ozs. of silver from Messrs Handy & Cronise, for delivery at your Mint, you will please receive on account of such sale any bars forwarded direct to you by the Omaha Smelting & Refining Company, remitting check for the proceeds to Handy & Cronise.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Handy & Cronise,

Feby 24. 1882.

New York.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 23 instant I have directed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive from the Omaha Smelting & Refining Company any bars that may be forwarded direct to the Philadelphia Mint & apply the same on account of your sale of 60,000 ozs & remit the proceeds to you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

Feby 24. 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the bill of Robert Biggs for examining your mint building & reporting.

what changes were necessary to properly heat and ventilate the same including an estimate of the probable cost thereof, amounting to \$40.- and referred to this office by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

Feb'y 24, 1882

Has Omaha Smelting Company completed delivery on sale ninth instant of one hundred thousand ounces at one fourteen sixty if not how much is due from them.

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

B. F. Stephens, Esq.,
4 Trafalgar Square
London, Eng.

Feb'y 24, 1882

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant offering to furnish a set (6 volumes) of Thomas Froster History of Prices at £17. 17. 0

Your offer is accepted provided the volumes are in perfect condition as to binding and otherwise.

Please forward the books, transmitting bills in duplicate therefor.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thomas Donaldson, Esq.
132 N. 40 Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 24, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed please find Treasury Draft No. B. 16351) for one hundred sixty five & ²⁵/₁₀₀, drawn in your favor in payment of personal expenses incurred by you whilst attending the Annual settlement of the New York Assay Office June 30 1881. Be so kind as to acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 24, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa of the sum of Seven Thousand One Hundred and One ⁰¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$7,101.⁰¹) in Gold Coin and One Hundred Thirteen ³¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$113.³¹) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen ³²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$7,214.³²) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 285, dated Feby 17, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Robt. W. Engle, Esq.

No 1413, N. 19th Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 24, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 20th. inst. requesting copies of the proceedings of the Assay Commissioners at the the Annual Assays of 1880 and 1881, has been received. I enclose herewith a copy of the proceedings for 1880, but cannot furnish you a copy for 1881, my supply for that year being exhausted.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon Henry M. Teller,
U. S. Senate

Feby 24, 1882

Sir:

Enclosed find statement of the Exports and Imports of Gold and Silver Coin and Bullion for the month of January and at New York from the 1st. to the 18th. inst.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger.

Secretary of the Treasury

Feby 24, 1882

Sir:

In response to a Resolution of the House of Representatives passed January 26th. 1882, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the House of the number of ounces of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasury Department each month, the lowest price paid and number of Silver Dollars coined from the beginning of

March 1878 down to and including December 1881 and referred to me for report, I have the honor to submit the accompanying statement compiled for the months prior to January 1st, 1881, from the quarterly accounts of the Philadelphia, San Francisco, Carson and New Orleans Mints and the Assay Office at New York filed in the office of the Register of the Treasury, and since that date, from the quarterly, monthly and special reports returned to this Office.

The monthly average of the cost of the Silver Bullion purchased during the period has been \$2,067,805.40, and the average monthly coinage, \$2,290.891.

The Resolution of the House of Representatives is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Statement showing the number of ounces at Standard and cost of Silver Bullion purchased and delivered at the Coinage Mints and the Assay Office at New York and the number of Silver Dollars coined each month from March 1st, 1878, to December 31st, 1881.

This statement includes bullion carried to Silver Purchase Account since January 1st, 1881 received in payment of charges retained in fractions of bars paid for in coin and surplus deposited or returned at Annual settlement.

Date	Ounces at Standard of Silver Bullion purchased & delivered	Cost	Standard Silver Dollars Coined.
March 1878.	2,574,264.79	2,850,537.65	1,001,500
April "	6,075,779.42	6,600,484.29	2,470,000
May "	1,498,668.53	1,595,504.63	3,015,000

June	1,861,676.79	1,976,742.39	2,087,000
July	2,925,957.29	3,043,580.51	1,847,000
August	3,278,919.43	3,408,126.87	3,028,000
September	2,950,467.14	3,018,818.02	2,764,000
October	2,487,715.69	2,494,215.03	2,070,000
November	1,611,697.22	1,602,470.10	2,156,050
December	1,756,036.37	1,787,133.94	2,057,000
January 1879	2,202,792.97	2,170,085.57	2,060,200
February	1,297,788.16	1,273,544.28	2,132,000
March	784,147.58	763,822.80	2,057,200
April	486,592.21	478,307.91	2,381,000
May	1,301,667.73	1,344,138.76	2,330,000
June	252,950.53	259,399.20	2,315,050
July	1,650,389.93	1,694,485.79	1,650,000
August	2,024,589.50	2,052,045.86	2,787,050
September	1,903,801.09	1,926,409.06	2,396,050
October	1,949,507.59	2,000,027.33	2,572,100
November	2,487,789.51	2,599,530.38	2,499,000
December	2,185,286.83	2,253,721.00	2,350,450
January 1880	2,318,555.94	2,388,259.29	2,450,000
February	1,965,963.72	2,027,803.51	2,300,400
March	2,091,010.57	2,155,918.35	2,350,200
April	1,878,064.41	1,936,029.84	2,300,000
May	2,164,387.76	2,236,118.01	2,267,000
June	1,889,389.42	1,962,713.11	2,011,500
July	2,592,097.97	2,692,982.52	2,280,000
August	1,584,227.58	1,948,448.53	2,253,000
September	2,215,861.76	2,273,287.68	2,301,000
October	2,428,846.32	2,481,043.67	2,279,000
November	2,256,534.93	2,284,266.73	2,300,000
December	1,779,927.93	1,798,454.43	2,355,255
January 1881	1,580,674.12	1,586,607.10	2,300,000
February	1,529,759.30	1,549,669.09	2,357,000
March	1,185,098.19	1,209,751.83	2,299,500
April	987,765.21	1,002,315.67	2,300,000
May	1,710,674.00	1,738,246.36	2,300,000

June	1,747,673.92	1,767,801.14	2,413,200
July	1,996,465.02	2,018,638.25	2,250,000
August	1,914,438.32	1,936,898.32	2,800,000
September	2,218,039.63	2,250,771.20	2,400,000
October	2,390,787.01	2,480,080.20	2,350,000
November	2,006,273.81	2,042,273.96	2,800,000
December	2,223,827.95	2,260,678.40	2,405,275
Total	92,554,861.09	\$95,119,048.56	\$105,380,980
Monthly average	2,012,062.20	\$2,067,805.40	\$2,290,891

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Feb'y 26, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of the 24th, inst. enclosing a copy of a letter from the Clerk of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives calling for a statement showing the number, names & of persons employed in this bureau and paid from appropriations not specifically providing for their employment, I have the honor to enclose herewith a statement exhibiting the information called for.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor

February 20, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho for the month ending January 31st, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Walters Esq.,

February 25, 1882

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Boise City,
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31st, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Feb'y 25, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

February 26, 1882

Sup't. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

February 26, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending January 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.W. L. Dodge Esq,

February 26, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts for the month ending January 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq,

Feb'y 26, 1882

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson
Sir:

February 25, 1882.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refinery Expense Account Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

Feb'y 25, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your Standard Silver Dollar Expense Account for January 1882, I desire to call your attention to Voucher No. 1, for gas amounting to \$1,181.⁰⁰ and would ask why, since the use of the Electric light in your Mint, the difference between this bill and one for the corresponding period of 1880, should be so slight.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. S. Matthews, Esq.,
Editor Utah Commercial
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Feb'y 25, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant informing me that I am indebted to the Utah Commercial on subscription account \$1.

If you will forward a receipted bill against the United States for the amount, I will have it approved and paid.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

February 25, 1882

One Million Silver Dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer, New York on twenty-third instant. One hundred thousand ounces purchased of Laidlaw & Co.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

February 25, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety Three $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars, (\$893.41) in Gold Coin, and Three $\frac{3}{10}$ Dollars (\$3.32) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eight Hundred, Ninety Six $\frac{7}{10}$ Dollars, (\$896.73) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 293, dated Feb'y 20, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Jos. F. Miller,

February 26, 1882

U. S. Senate

Sir:

The letter of Mess. Charles Kohler and John D. Seibe recommending Mr Franklin H. Day for appointment as Melter and Refiner of the San Francisco Mint, should a change be made in that Department, referred by you to this

office, has been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

February 27, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) by a transfer of that amount and that of this sum Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York and that the balance Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.) be transmitted the Assayer in U. S. notes or gold coin of the denominations of \$5. \$10. and \$20.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,

February 27, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that your bullion fund be increased \$15,000. by a transfer of this sum and that \$10,000. of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York and the balance remitted you in U. S. notes or gold coins of the denominations of \$5. \$10. and \$20.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

February 27, 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending January 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

Feb'y 27, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending January 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Feb'y 27, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a statement showing the amount of gold & silver treated at your works during the year 1881, for which please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Wm. W. Manning
House of Representatives.

February 27, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23^d. inst requesting copies of publications of the Mint Bureau, is received and I forward to-day copies of the Annual Reports of this Bureau for the years 1873 (the date of its organization) to 1881 inclusive, with the exception of 1874, the supply for which has been exhausted, and a copy of my Special Report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the U. S. for 1880; also copies of circulars estimating the value of foreign coins in U. S. money of account and in regard to the purchase of mutilated silver coins at the Mint of the U. S.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Lionel Garden
British Vice Consul General,
Havana.

Feb'y 25, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th. instant relative to the value of Mexican coins and requesting replies to certain propositions.

1st. That Mexican dollars out of Mexico have only a value as bullion.

To this I may reply that the value of Mexican dollars out of Mexico depends upon legislation of different countries, respecting the circulation of foreign coins. For example in the United States no foreign coin is a legal tender, therefore the Mexican dollar possesses a value only as bullion.

In regard to Hayti, I refer you to page 148 in my report for 1880, and page 104 in the report

for 1881 copies of which I transmit by current mail.

In Venezuela the Mexican dollar is rated at one bolivar (93 cents) less than the U. S. dollar although it contains 5.9 grains more pure silver than the latter (page 100, report for 1881.)

Other countries having no mints of their own circulate foreign coins at various rates regulated by law or by custom.

2nd. That the London Standard of value of bullion is accepted in this country in determining purchases of Mexican dollars.

To this I have to say that the London rate for silver bullion modified by the current rate of exchange affects purchases of silver bullion including Mexican dollars in this country.

It does not however govern absolutely either the buying or selling price in New York which is generally lower than the London price probably by about the cost of freight on bullion from New York to London. The price in New York varies from that in London from other circumstances also, such as the condition of the respective markets as to supply and demand.

3rd. That the weight of the Mexican dollar is 0.866 ozs and its fineness 901, while that of the gold doubloon is 0.8675 oz. "866 fine".

In reply I refer you to page 102 of the Director's report for 1873.

From the weight and fineness then stated, the \$20- gold piece contains 456.95 grains of pure gold, worth 19.67%.

The silver dollar contains 377.17 grains of pure silver.

The following furnishes the value of the Mexican silver dollar at various London quotations for silver

bullion with exchange at par.

51 d	per ounce	.8786
51 $\frac{1}{4}$	" "	.8827
51 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	.8870
51 $\frac{3}{4}$	" "	.8915
52	" "	.8956
52 $\frac{1}{4}$	" "	.8999
52 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	.9042
52 $\frac{3}{4}$	" "	.9086
53	" "	.9128

In reference to the value of silver bullion since 1867, I refer you to the annual statement of Messrs Rixley & Abell 27 Old Broad St. E. C. London, who could doubtless furnish you also with the average yearly selling value of Mexican dollars in the London market.

Trusting that the information herein tendered may be of service to you,

I am very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. David Davis,
U. S. Senate.

Feby 28, 1882

Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you that Miss Mary Harvey, in compliance with your request has been appointed by the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint an adjuster in that Institution.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Wandy & Cronise

Feb'y 28, 1882

24 Nassau Street

New York.

The balance due on your sale of sixteenth
instant will be received if forwarded to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint

Feb'y 28, 1882

New Orleans, La.

appointment of Butler as Cashier would be
satisfactory but what experienced workman
can take his place as Assistant to Coiner's.

Necessary to have competent man there.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,

Feb'y 28, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Appointment of Howard Hyatt and Nathan
approved from first proximo.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

George B. Hanna Esq.

Feb'y 28, 1882

U. S. Assay Office.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th. in-
stant enclosing an account of expenses incurred
by you in collecting statistics of the production
of the precious metals in the states of North^{and}
South Carolina^{and} Georgia under instructions
from this office amounting to \$180.98.

The bill is very reasonable and I have
approved it for the amount named and

referred it to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

Supt Mint U. S.

Philadelphia Pa.

Feb'y 28, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of William Barnes, Night Watchman, in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 23 inst. forwarded with your communication of the 27th instant.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

February 28, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Mary Harvey, Adjuster in the Coiner's department of your institution, bearing date of the 20th inst. forwarded with your communication of the 21st instant.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor

February 28, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint, at Denver, Col. for the month ending January 31st, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose ^{of adjustment}, as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Therman Silver, Esq.,

Feby, 28, 1882

Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense accounts for the month ending January 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

Feby 28, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Ex. accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the month ending January 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 28, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Sil. Woll. Ex. accounts for the month ending January 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. Mint San Francisco.

Feb'y 28, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb'y 28, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th instant enclosing the bill of Robert Briggs for services in examining the Mint building and reporting what changes are necessary to properly heat and ventilate the same with your certificate for the services rendered attached, has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

C. C. McComas, Esq.,
 Albuquerque, N. M.

Washington D. C., Feby 28, 1882

Sir:

The Government redeems United States coins only at prices not exceeding their face value.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Feby 28, 1882

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Messrs Handy & Brown in which they state that they are about 30,000 ounces short on their sale of the 16th instant of 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery at your Mint, that the delay on their part has been caused by the floods in the western waters impeding transportation, but that they expect to be able to forward the balance to-day.

If the balance be forwarded by them to-day you are authorized to receive ^{the} settle for the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Hon. W. P. Kellogg,
 Senate Chamber.

March 1st, 1882

Davis telegraphed that Jones proposed Barton a very competent man for Assistant & therefore telegraphed approval of Butler for cashier as he ought to commence acting to-day.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, March 1, 1882
San Francisco

Coin one million silver Dollars in March.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, March 1, 1882
Denver.

If you think proper to accept resignation of Phillips instead of removing him I will approve your action.

Appointment of Logan approved to take effect this date.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint March, 1, 1882
New Orleans.

Appointment of Butler as Cashier is approved to take effect to-day. Have him subscribe to oath of office.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting Company, March 1, 1882
Omaha, Nebraska

Parity of to days London rate is One hundred fourteen and eighty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 1, 1882

Supt Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Senator Ferry writes that friends in Philadelphia want a woman named Theresa Deight to have work sewing bags in the Mint there and asks if it can be done.

I forward his inquiry with the remark that you will I doubt not, feel it a pleasure to give her employment if it can consistently be done.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Thomas W. Ferry,

March 1, 1882

U. S. Senate

Sir:

I found your note upon my desk and I have written the substance of it to Mr Snowden.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 1, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck a life saving medal of the 2nd class in silver and have the same inscribed as follows:
"To Isaac W. Grant for heroic effort in saving human life August 7, 1881."

You will please transmit the medals with bill for cases, engraving &c to this office.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

March 1, 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is hereby fixed at 750,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans, La.

March 1, 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by you during the current month is hereby fixed at 450,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
^{3rd} Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nevada.

March 1, 1882

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month is hereby fixed at 100,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor,

March 1, 1882

Treasury Department
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Fixtures & Apparatus Ex. Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. for the six months ending December 31, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.Elliott C. Jewett, Esq.,

March 1, 1882

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Fixtures & Apparatus Ex. accounts for the six months ending December 31, 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.First Auditor,

Feb'y 28, 1882.

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana for the month ending January 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully, Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

Feb'y 25, 1882.

Assayer in charge,

U. S. Assay Office.

Helena Montana.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th. ultimo forwarding a statement showing the settlement of the accounts of the late Acting Coiner, Mr. B. T. Butler, made on the 17th ultimo.

The statement as shown by the statement enclosed is very satisfactory and reflects credit upon Mr Butler's management of the operations of the Coiners Department during the period that he had charge of it.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wollers, Esq.,

March 1, 1882

Boise City.

Sir:

C. D. No 543, for 51.¹², being on account of charges collected during 4th Quarter 1881, enclosed

in your communication of the 20th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,
Boise,

March 1, 1882

Sir,

C. D. No. 545, for 39.⁰⁰, being on account of Assays of ore - 4th. Quarter 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 20th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,
Boise,

March 1, 1882

Sir,

C. D. No. 561, for 73.²⁰, being on account of Melting Charges during 3rd Quarter 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 20th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.,
Assayer, Boise,
Sir:

March 1, 1882

C. D. No. 563 for 38., being on account of Assays of ore, during 3rd quarter, 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 20th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 1, 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the agent of the "City of Alton", of the Anchor line for transportation of one (1) box of ingot machines and one (1) box of ingot plate from New Orleans to your city consigned to you in December, 1881, amounting to \$4.30.

Please make the proper entry on your books. Duplicate bills of lading are enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

March 1, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo, transmitting the Assayers report upon the re-coined dollars.

You state in your letter that it "unfortunatly" happened that the pieces selected for assay were from mells which were below the legal tolerance.

I presume you meant to say fortunately otherwise your Mint would have issued a debased coinage.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. C. Langford, Esq.,
 St. Paul, Minn.

March 1, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th, ultimo returning your bill for services rendered during the months of April, May^{2d} & June, 1881, in collecting statistics relative to production of gold and silver in Utah, Montana^{2d} & Idaho, amounting to \$50.~

The bill has been approved^{2d} & referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department and in the course of a week or so a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you at St. Paul as requested.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mess Fisk & Hatch,
 No 5 Nassau St.
 New York, N. Y.

March 1, 1882

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of your publication entitled Memoranda Concerning Government Bonds for 1881.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burdard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 1, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd. ult. in reference to the claim of Henry Meyer, and enclosing copy of your letter of November 4th, in regard to the claims of several parties for rebate of charges - Meyer's claim among the number - is received.

The letter of November 4th, was received at my office in my absence, and went to the files without my personal knowledge, and the fact that it remained unanswered was overlooked.

I have carefully considered the question as to an equitable or legal claim of the parties named to have refunded the additional charge imposed, during the month of June, 1881, for parting and refining metal containing over 100 base, and I am unable to find authority or a sufficient reason for refunding the amount.

The rates had been previously fixed by the Director, with the concurrence of the Secretary, and were, during the month, as far as any information received, impartially collected from all depositors of bullion of the character to which the rate

applied.

Moneys thus collected in pursuance of law belong to the United States, and it is very doubtful whether the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Mint can legally refund such moneys even when an equitable claim is shown.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. March 2, 1882
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and sixty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank March 2, 1882
San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Wandry & Cronise Gilbert Clements,
24 Nassau Street, San Francisco
New York. Cal.

Telegram Superintendent Mint March 2, 1882,
San Francisco.

Receive from Anglo Californian Bank seventy-five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and eighty-five hundredths cents per ounce from Gilbert Clements fifty thousand ounces and Bank of California forty thousand ounces at one

hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting Company March 2, 1882
 Omaha, Nebraska,
 Your offer declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram James B. Colgate & Co. Daniel Meyer,
 47 Wall Street, New York, San Francisco,

Telegram Belmich & Hansen, P. N. Lillienthal,
 San Francisco, San Francisco.

A. London Snowden, Esq., March 2, 1882
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of
 Handy & Cronise, 150,000 ounces, at, \$1,1467

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 New Orleans.

March, 2, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Boston & Colorado
 Smelting Company 30,000 ounces, at, \$1,1468
 Handy & Cronise 50,000 " " 1,1470

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

March 2, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion:

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 2, 1882

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6,000., to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor

March 2, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending January 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

March 2, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

March 2, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Monthly requisitions for funds, as requested in your letter of the 1st instant.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

March, 2 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

300 Statements of purchases of silver bullion remaining unpaid. #13.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barren.

March 2, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Statements of purchases of silver bullion remaining unpaid. #13.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 2, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Statements of purchases of silver bullion remaining unpaid #13.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 2, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Statements of purchases of silver bullion remaining unpaid, #13.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,

March 2, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Fixtures & Apparatus Ex. accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, at St. Louis Mo. for the month ending January 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Elliott C. Jewett Esq.

March 2 1882

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Fixtures & Apparatus Ex. accounts for the month ending January 31st 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

March 2, 1882

Supt. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$31,800.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$1,800.

Wages of Workmen 1882 20,000.

Contingent Expenses 1882 10,000

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

March 2, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of 29,600.~

payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$2,100.-

Wages of Workmen 1882 22,500.-

Contingent Expenses 1882 5,000.-

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Leary & Co.,

March 2, 1882

#9 South Ninth Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury Draft No B. 16399 for \$7.25 drawn in your favor in payment of your bill for books purchased for the use of the Laboratory connected with this office. Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 2, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this office a duplicate statement of silver purchased at your Mint from the 1st to the 8th of January 1882 inclusive, the statement heretofore transmitted by you having been mislaid.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 2, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced your the sum of \$10,000, to meet the increased expenses of your Mint, occasioned by the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar during the current month payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of the act authorizing their coinage passed February 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Superintendent to
San Francisco, Cal.

March 2, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith Certificate of Gold Deposit #3134 forwarded with your Bullion account for the 4th quarter 1881, for the signature of the person receiving the amount of said deposit.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 2 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant calling attention to the fact that no transfer orders have yet been received by you for the Assay coins of 1881, the transfer of which was requested

in your letter of the 17th ultimo and in reply have to inform you that on the 23rd ultimo the Secretary of the Treasury was requested to cause the transfer of these coins to the bullion fund of your Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt Mint U. S.

March 2, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of March 1st, informing this office of the resignations and causes thereof of Mrs Rosanna McWade, Miss C. B. Williams and Miss M. R. Duffield failed to furnish the dates at which respectively the resignations shall take effect. Please supply this information at as early a date as practicable.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. J. Stephens, Esq.
House of Representatives.

March 3, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo I have to say that the original amount of the bullion fund of the San Francisco Mint in the year 1854, was \$150,000.-

The fund has since been frequently increased and decreased by transfers to and from, according to the requirements of that Mint.

The silver wastage was formerly, I believe charged to the silver profit and loss account and a

deficit of \$21,962.⁸⁵, exists also in the bullion fund of the San Francisco Mint by reason of the prex coins of 1865, 1866 and 1867, sent to the Mint at Philadelphia for trial at the Annual Assay being used for supplies purchased for and shipped to the San Francisco Mint, and the amounts not restored to the bullion fund from the appropriation for contingent expenses.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.

March 3rd 1882

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you copy of a letter with reference endorsed thereon received from Mr Acton, Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Please inform me whether any employe of your Mint desires to make the proposed exchange, and whether you would consent to it.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger

March 3, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference of the letter of Thos. C. Acton, Esq., Assistant Treasurer of the U. S., with the request that I suggest some way by which the desire or application of Mr. J. W. Monk, a messenger in the Assistant Treasurer's office in New York, for a transfer to the Denver Mint may be carried out, and to reply that I

have forwarded a copy of the letter to the Assayer in charge at the Denver Mint, and asked him to inform me whether any employe in his Mint desires to exchange positions with Mr J. W. Monk and whether he would be willing to appoint Mr Monk to such place.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint

March 3, 1882

Philadelphia,

Sir:

The following assay coins reserved at your Mint during the month of February have been received viz:

4 Eagles	\$ <u>40.00.</u>
3 Half Eagles	<u>15.00.</u>
4 Standard Dollars, Silver,	<u>4.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>59.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs. Kearney & Swartschild
133 State St.

March 3, 1882

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 20th ult. enclosing two (2) chains for assay is received. I will have them assayed as requested, the expense attending the same will be \$2. which I will thank you to remit to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 3, 1882

Supt Mint

San Francisco,

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8,500. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion" the amount to be placed to your credit with the Asst. Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

Norris C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

March 3, 1882

Supt. Assay Office New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$7,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

Norris C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

March 3, 1882

Supt. Assay Office, New York

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$5,704.⁴⁵ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the

current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ <u>2,854.⁴⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>2,100.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>750.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.,
Assayer, Charlotte,

March 3, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$336.⁸⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ <u>236.⁸⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>100.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 3, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st. instant returning the duplicate receipted bills of Robert Briggs for services rendered in examining the Mint building and reporting what changes are necessary to properly heat and ventilate the same.

I find that this service was rendered upon a request made by you under date of July 23, 1881, to John McArthur Superintendent of repairs at Philadelphia as follows:

"Under these circumstances, I would request you to cause a proper examination to be made of the apparatus for heating ^{and} ventilating ^{and} if you consider the results sufficiently grave, to support as strongly as you can the representations herein set forth."

I am already of the opinion that as this work was performed at your request, payment for the services should be made from your appropriation for contingent expenses ^{and} I return the vouchers of Mr Briggs herewith. I would add that at the time this matter was brought to the attention of the Supervising Architect in July last he verbally stated that the payment for the services of the expert whom Mr McArthur requested authority to employ to make the examination must be made from the appropriation for the expenses of the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 3, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco,

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate receipted bills of Bope, Cole & Co. of Baltimore, Md. for 10 tons Copper Plate, amounting to \$4,011.⁵⁰ ^{and} duplicate vouchers of Merchant & Co of Philadelphia for 10 tons of Spelter amounting to \$2,070. delivered to Col. C. W. Tompkins Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to your Mint.

You will please remit Bope, Cole & Co. ^{and} Messrs Merchant & Co. drafts on New York in payment of their accounts upon receipt of the goods.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

March, 3, 1882

525 Arch St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have received your bill for ten (10) tons of Spelter delivered to Col. C. W. Tompkins, Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the San Francisco Mint and have referred the same to the Superintendent of that Mint for payment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.

March 3, 1882

57 Gay Street

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

I have received your bill for ten (10) tons Copper plates delivered to Col. C. W. Tompkins Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the San Francisco Mint, and have referred the same to the Superintendent of that Mint for payment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

Prof. Thos. Eggleston,

March, 3, 1882

School of Mines

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Yours of the 28th. ult. is received. I shall be very glad to obtain the maps of which you speak and also the list of Mining Engineers that you kindly propose to furnish me.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard, Director.

Sidney Bloss Esq.
Lincoln, Nebraska.

March 3, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 28th inst. inquiring whether the Government would give two cents each for the large copper cents of the United States received.

The minor coins of the U. S. of which the copper cent is one is redeemed only at its nominal value.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mrs A. S. Jones,
Wicksford,
Greenville Co., Va.

March 3, 1882

Madam:

Your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed as to the value of the \$2.00 gold piece and also of the names of parties who would be likely to purchase the same has been referred to me for reply.

The United States redeems its coins only at prices not exceeding their face value.

I understand that Mess Scott & Co No. 146 Fulton Street New York, and Mess Mason & Co. No. 148 North Tenth St. Phila, are dealers in old and rare coins.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jno A. Green, Esq.,
No 505 N. 40th St.

March 3, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your request for a copy of my report and your suggestions in regard to the coinage of silver considered.

I forward you a copy of my Annual Report by to-days mail.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Edward S. Wheeler, Esq.,
1338 Chestnut Street,

March 3, 1882

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th, ultimo addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency requesting certain information relating to the legal tender qualities of coins has been referred to this Bureau.

The gold coins are a legal tender in all payments at their nominal value, when not below the standard weight and limit of tolerance provided by law for the single piece, and, when reduced in weight below such standard and tolerance are a legal tender at valuation in proportion to their actual weight.

The Standard Silver dollar is a legal tender at its nominal value for all debts and dues, public and private.

The trade dollar is not a legal tender. All U. S. Silver coins of less denomination than one dollar are a legal tender in all sums not exceeding ten dollars.

The minor coins are a legal tender at

their nominal value for any amount not exceeding twenty-five cents in any one payment. Silver coins of less denomination than one dollar are redeemed in lawful money of the United States when presented in sums of twenty dollars or any multiple thereof.

The minor coins are redeemed in lawful money when presented in sums of not less than twenty dollars.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Borden Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.

March 4, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Register of Certificates "a Receipts for the payment of gold deposits" #180.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York.

March 4, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Register of Assays: Gold Deposits.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 4, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans,

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$11,392.⁹⁰ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>1,842.⁹⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>7,050.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>2,500.-</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mess. Kearney & Swastchild

March, 6, 1882

133 State St. Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

The watch chains sent to this office for assay show a variation in fineness. Links taken from different parts show the value of No. 3 to vary from 45 to 66 cents per ounce No 128 from 27 to 43 cents per ounce. It is inferred from your letter that you do not desire them melted and as that is the only way in which their actual fineness and value can be ascertained you will please inform me whether you wish it done.

The watch case forwarded on the 2nd inst. has been received, the cost of assay will be \$1.⁰⁰ which I will thank you to forward to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint Carson.

March 6. 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford Esq.,
Supt. Mint Carson.

March 6. 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$11,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>2,000.-</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>6,500.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>2,500.-</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. C. Silver Esq.,
Assayer, Denver.

March 6. 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for

the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$900.-
Wages of Workmen	1882	900.-
Contingent Expenses	1882	200.-

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

March 6, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 6, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith the consular invoice and bill of Ludwig Seyss for adjusting machine with the request that you will append your signature to the certificate you have made thereon and return the same to this office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Jno. P. Jones,
 U. S. Senate.

March 6, 1882

Sir:

In compliance with your request, I forwarded

you by Saturday's mail copies of my Annual Report for the years 1879, 1880 and 1881, also a copy of my Special Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U. S. for 1880.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

J. M. Raines, Esq.,
Gadsden, Crockett Co.
Tenn.

March, 6, 1882

Sir:

Yours inquiring as to the value of certain old foreign coins is received. Such coins are purchased at the Mint of the U. S. only by weight as bullion at the market price of silver on the day the coin is received. The Government purchases no coins at prices in excess of their face value.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S. New Orleans, La.

March, 6, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official ratios of the following named employees recently appointed in your mint, forwarded with your letter of the 2nd inst, viz:

Benjamin F. Butler, Cashier, Gen'l Dept. March 1882

Robert B. Johnson Workman Coiners Dept. " 1882

Sarah Nathan Adjuster " " " 1882

Louise Hyatt " " " 1882

Hattie Howard " " " 1882

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Boise City.

March 6, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, enclosing report on the mining industry of Idaho, for which accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans, La.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

Yours of March 1st is received, and in compliance with your request I enclose herewith a copy of my letter of February 6th, in regard to the forwarding of certain of your statements in different packages.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans, La.

Feb'y 6, 1882

Sir:

Please transmit statements of Silver Purchases and Partings (Form No 641) of Silver Bullion Purchased and of Coinage and Transfers (Form No 193) in one package, and, in another and separate enclosure, statements of Gold Deposited, Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion and Gold and Silver of Domestic Production Deposited; also in different enclosures the Engineer's log, Coins

Report and the Report of "Charges Collected" (Form No 53)

These statements, as above grouped, go to different desks for examination and entry, and bear in our files different numbers.

Respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

March 7, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Honorio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia,

March 7, 1882

No reason having been given by Handy & Bernise for failure to deliver within ten days silver sold by them on the twenty-third ultimo for delivery at your mint, Secretary orders contract cancelled and you will apply silver received from them on their sale of second instant.

Honorio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 7, 1882

Supr. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil the "Deposit and Purchase Account", the "Silver Bullion Purchase Account", the "Bullion Fund Account", the "Silver Profit Fund Account", the "Silver Coin Account", the "Profit and Loss Account", the "Parting

and Refining Account", the "Summary of Operations" and the "Balance Sheet", belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, also that the date may be inserted, bill of John Janney Agent of the steamer "Hatchey" for the transportation of standard silver dollars paid from your silver profit fund account amounting to \$11.25.

Referring to the accounts herewith returned, your attention is directed to the fact that you have erroneously entered in your deposit and purchase account as the silver purchased during the quarter 1,121,995.76 standard ounces silver bullion at a cost of \$1,143,492.70 instead of 1,121,828.31, ounces at a cost of \$1,443,325.30, while you have entered in the same account as the silver parted from gold deposits during the quarter 149.83 ounces at a cost of \$149.83 instead of 317.28 at a cost of \$317.28 that is to say, you have included the silver partings for October³¹ and November as a portion of the silver purchased and only entered as the silver partings of the quarter, the amount parted in the last month of the quarter. I can not understand how an error of this kind should occur, as the total of your abstract sheets plainly indicated the weight^{and} cost of the bullion to be carried into the account^{and} it would seem to be gross carelessness that such an error should be made.

You have carried to the credit of parting and refining, as the charges collected for parting and refining bullion during the quarter the amount of \$47.77, whereas the correct amount should be \$48.27. You have carried to the credit of profit and loss the sum of \$256.58 as the melting and alloy charge of the quarter while this was actually \$286.08.

In your bullion fund account^{and} also in your

silver coin account, you have failed to charge yourself with the \$1,000. received in part from the bondsmen and in part from the salary of the late Superintendent W. S. Fiske and to credit yourself with the amount deposited in the Treasury.

It is necessary that this should be taken up in your accounts that the transaction may appear and that your bullion fund account may agree with the books of the Treasury of the United States.

It would appear that you had on hand December 31, 1881, a balance in your profit and loss account amounting to \$3,645.⁸² and in your parting ^{and} refining account \$468.69.

The regulations require that the charges collected from depositors ^{and} all miscellaneous earnings ^{and} profits should be deposited at least quarterly in the Treasury of the U. S. and I will thank you to deposit the amounts named, the parting ^{and} refining charges separate from the other charges in your profit ^{and} loss account ^{and} forward the certificate to this office, ^{and} hereafter you will please deposit at least quarterly the charges collected of depositors at your institution, being careful to make separate deposits of parting and refining charges as they go to the credit of an appropriation while the melting ^{and} alloy charges are covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

In returning your corrected accounts, I will thank you to return the accounts herewith forwarded you in order to facilitate the examination of the new accounts.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

Ludwig Seyss, Esq.
 Altpetersdorf (Near Vienna)
 Austria.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 7th last I desire to say that it is not considered advisable at present to make further purchases of coin adjusting and assorting machines.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Superintendent &c.
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer Assay Reports of Gold Bullion, Nos. 1737, 1747, 1752, 1753, 1755 and 1760, forwarded with your Bullion Accounts for the 4th quarter 1881.

I am Sir very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
 Late Supt. Assay Office
 New York.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burckard,
 Director.

Mr W. C. Black
South Fork, Mo.

Mch. 7, 1882

Sir:

The sample of iron ore sent to the U. S. Treasurer has been referred by him to this Bureau.

If you desire it assayed please inform me whether for iron or gold and silver and enclose \$3. the price fixed by the Department for each sample of ore assayed.

Very respectfully,
Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mch. 7, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of February and forwarded to this office for special test have been received, viz:
3 Standard Silver Dollars, \$3.

Very respectfully,
Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr John Engleked,
West Alexandria, Ohio.

Mch. 7, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the assayers report upon sample of sand sent to this office on the 28th, ult. to be assayed for gold and silver.

Very respectfully,
Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. P. Dolson, Esq.,
Manassas, Cal.

Mich. 7. 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, with samples of ore has been received.

The price fixed by the Department for each sample of ore assayed is \$3, upon receipt of the money the samples will be assayed and reports thereon sent you.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Reine C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

March, 7, 1882

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for 5,000 "Granulation Envelopes" as requested in your letter of the 6th instant. These envelopes should hereafter be included in your semi-annual requisitions for stationery.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Deposit sheets of Silver bullion remaining unpaid, No. 12.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:
400 Deposit sheets of silver bullion remaining
unpaid #12.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:
100 Deposit sheets of silver bullion remaining
unpaid No. 12.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:
200 Deposit sheets of silver bullion remaining
unpaid No. 12.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

March 7, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
100 Deposit sheets of silver bullion remaining unpaid. No 12.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 7, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Fourteen $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,174.⁹⁶) in Gold coin and Twenty Four $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$24.³⁷) in Silver coin, making a total of One Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,139.³³) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 344, dated March 2, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. O. N. Conger,
U. S. Senate.

March 7, 1882.

Sir:

Your reference of the letter of A. B. Wood, Esq.

of Ann Arbor, is received, and in compliance with your request I have forwarded to Mr Wood copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the U.S. for 1880, and my Annual Report for 1881.

Mr Woods letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Thos. Ryan,

March 7, 1882

House of Representatives,

Sir:

Your reference of the letter of Mr W. J. Stagg of Topeka Kas. is received and in reply I enclose you a Circular relative to the purchase of mutilated coin at the Mints of the U.S.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messes. Handy & Cronise,

March 8, 1882

No 24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 7th instant in regard to the non-delivery within ten (10) days from date of sale of 60,000 ounces of silver sold by you on the 23^d ultimo and in reply have to state that upon receipt of the telegram yesterday from the acting Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint stating that you were delivering silver on account of sale of the 23^d ultimo and asking to be advised if he should receive and apply the silver on account of your sale of that date

and not having received any reason or excuse from you for failure to deliver within ten (10) days I submitted the question to the Secretary of the Treasury and he directed the contract to be cancelled and the Superintendent was advised by this office to that effect and instructed to apply the bullion referred to on account of your sale of the 2nd instant.

I have submitted the explanations contained in your letter of the 7th instant for failure to deliver within ten (10) days to the Secretary of the Treasury and he has in view of the fact, that at the time the Superintendent of the Mint telegraphed this office, you had a quantity (88,000 oz.) of silver at the mint delivered on account of the subsequent sale which had you been advised of the non-receipt at the Mint of silver expected by you to be delivered by the Omaha Smelting Co. you would have directed to be applied on account of sale of the 23rd, ultims decided to receive the balance due from you on your sale of that date and the Superintendent of the Mint will be advised accordingly.

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed me to say that sellers of silver must complete delivery within ten (10) days from date of sale and in case of failure, contracts are liable to be declared cancelled, as to the amount not delivered if it appears to be for the interest of the government to do so.

It is necessary to require prompt delivery after sale, in order that the monthly receipts of silver bullion at the Mints purchased for coinage may not fall below the minimum limit of \$2,000,000.—worth required to be purchased and coined each month.

said that the Department may not be called upon to explain apparent non-compliance with the law resulting from neglect or delay in delivering bullion.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

March 8, 1882

Under the circumstances stated in your letter Secretary has decided that Superintendent Mint Philadelphia may receive balance due on your sale of twenty-third ultimo. Silver sold by you on second instant for delivery at New Orleans must be delivered within ten days from date of sale, better by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

Omaha Smelting Company
Omaha, Nebraska.

March 8, 1882

Parity of 15 days London rate is one hundred fourteen and sixty-one hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 8, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir:

Upon explanation submitted by Messrs Handy & Cronise for failure to deliver the whole amount of silver sold by them on the 23rd ultimo

within ten (10) days, the Secretary of the Treasury has decided to permit them to deliver the full amount of the sale of that date.

You will therefore receive the bullion and settle for the same.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March, 8, 1882

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward statement #88 "Charges Collected" for the month of February 1882, so that your certificates of deposit can be verified and covered into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 8, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st. instant, submitting for approval the appointment of Mr Patterson to run the new adjusting machines I desire to say that it is expected that the use of the machines for adjusting blanks purchased at a heavy expense, will justify a reduction in the force of adjusters at your Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 8, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith for the receipt of the party making the sacks bill #14 of special warrants paid from Silver Profits and forwarded with your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 8, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of A. G. Hanson, workman in the Coiners department of your institution, bearing date of the 28th, ultimo, forwarded with your communication of the 1st. instant.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 8, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I think it advisable to appoint in your Mint some competent person as as as-sistant to the Coiner.

In the estimates of appropriations for the service of your Mint for the next fiscal year I have estimated for that office at a salary of

\$2,000.- per annum and reduced the amount of the wages appropriation correspondingly.

In view of the fact that the present Coiner is a new officer and probably not familiar with the duties of the position, it is especially desirable that whoever is appointed to this position should possess the necessary experience and qualifications to conduct the business of the coining department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 8, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the Abstract Sheets in use at your Mint for reporting Gold Deposits and Silver Purchases, I devise that after this month the alloy charges be entered in a separate column from the Toughening and Refining charges.

You can continue the use of the sheets on hand, for Gold Deposits by utilizing the column headed Coinage for entering the alloy charge, but the sheets on which Silver Purchases containing gold are deposited will need to be changed.

It is essential that the Abstract Sheets shall show the charges collected for Parting and Refining (including toughening) bullion, separate from all other charges as the law authorizes their use in defraying the expenses of the operations, and at present your Abstract Sheets do not afford me the means of knowing that the law is complied with.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Pierre C. Van Dyck, Esq.,
 Chief Supt. Assay Office,
 New York.

March 8, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refinery Expense Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer, Helena.

March 8, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,500.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>500.-</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>1,000.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>1,000.-</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Messrs. Mott & Degnée
 Nos 9 & 11 Wall St.
 New York.

March 8, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 17th. instant in regard to the Garfield & Lincoln medals purchased by you from the Mint at Philadelphia and which you have been unable

to dispose of. In reply have to state that I have no power to direct the repurchase of the medals by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint as the only way in which the Mint could receive them would be simply as bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Leroy & Co.

March 8. 1882.

Publishers,

San Francisco,

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward to this office for one year the "Mining and Scientific Press" transmitting your account for the same in duplicate for payment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

March 9. 1882

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Five Million Three Hundred Forty Five Thousand Eighty Two ³⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$5,345,082.³⁴/₁₀₀) payable in 287,298,176. ounces standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

March 9, 1882

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of \$5,345,082.³⁴, payable in 287,298.176. ozs. standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

March 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$5,345,082.³⁴ payable in 287,298.176. ozs. standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

An appropriation having been made by Congress for freight on bullion^{and} coin, I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasury of the U. S. of the sum of Seventeen Million Dollars \$17,000,000 in gold coin.

It is desirable that this transfer may be made as early as practicable to relieve the vaults which are now crowded to their fullest capacity.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

March 9, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer of \$7,000,000. in gold coin be made from the Bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasury of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

March 9, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,587.11.) in Gold Coin and Forty One $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars (\$41.85.) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Eight $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,628.91.) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 365, dated March 6, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Cawson, Nevada.

March 9, 1882.

Offer of Williams accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Wandy + Bronise,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

March 9, 1882

Sir:

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia at one hundred fourteen forty-seven hundredths cents accepted also fifty thousand ounces offer for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and fifty four hundredths cents per ounce.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer
San Francisco.

March 9, 1882

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

March 9, 1882

Receive from Daniel Meyer one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and seventy nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Belmrich & Hansen
San Francisco.

March 9, 1882

Your offers declined.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Similar telegram sent to
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
Denver, Colorado.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

March 9, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise 50,000 Ounces at \$1,145 7/8

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

March 9, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay

for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurers at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—
Wandy & Corrise 150,000 Ounces at \$1,1447

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York.

March 9, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing letters of the Assayer, and Mr C. A. Todd occupying the position of Bar Clerk in your office, is received.

As I infer from your letter, the Bar Clerk keeps an account of the bars manufactured and paid out and is considered responsible to you for their safe keeping while in the Assay Office, the designation of his position as Bar Clerk is appropriate and preferable to that of Assistant Cashier; but, if, on the other hand the Cashier is the custodian, as was supposed of the bars manufactured for depositors, and is considered responsible to you for their safe keeping, the title Cashier's Assistant is proper and would more clearly designate his duties.

As to the suggestions of the Assayer in regard to the title of the clerks, I have personally to him, and in a previous letter to you explained that a title will not necessarily make any difference in the duties that these clerks may be directed to perform.

I have intended to, and shall confer with you personally within a few days—probably Saturday, and after consultation with you, I will suggest to the Committee on Appos-

fications such changes in the phraseology used in the estimates as may seem desirable.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

John A. Grier, Esq.,
No. 506, N. 4th St.

March 9, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. is received. I have read your article published in the Inquirer of March 3rd, entitled "What is Money?" with pleasure and thank you for sending it to me.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Blake Crusher Co.

March 10, 1882.

New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward to Col. Chas. W. Tompkins Quartermaster, U. S. Army at Chicago for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. one (1) Blake Laboratory Crusher with extra plates, transmitting your bill in duplicate to this office for the same.

I have to request that you will prepay the freight to Chicago and charge the same in your account.

I have requested Col. Tompkins to receive the crusher and you will please notify him when it is shipped.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Col. Chas. W. Tompkins

March 10, 1882

Quartermaster, U. S. Army,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I have requested the Blake Crusher Co. of New Haven, Conn to deliver to you for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. one (1) Laboratory Crusher, which I will thank you to receive and forward as provided by General Order No. 66 dated July 24, 1876.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer, St. Louis.

March 10, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$200.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$200.~

Expenses of Institution

Contingent Expenses

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

March 10, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 10, 1882.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of John H. Tennant Workman in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 1st. instant, forwarded with your communication of the 2nd. instant.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.,

March 10, 1882.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Sam'l. M. Logan, Night watchman in the General department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd instant, forwarded with your communication of the 6th. instant.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

March 10, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you inform me what proper construction is to be given to the clause "within ten days from the date of acceptance of an offer" as used in the circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury dated January 3rd, 1880, in regard to the bids for purchases of silver bullion. On an offer accepted on the 2nd. inst.,

(as the Mint is not open for business on Sunday, the 12th. inst.) will a delivery on Monday, the 13th. inst., be "within ten days", or must the delivery be made on or before the Saturday previous.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent,

March 10, 1882

United States Assay Office,

New York City

will not be able to visit your office until next week.

Wm. C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 10, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th. inst. enclosing statement showing the coinage and distribution of silver dollars at your Mint and its quarterly earnings and expenditures is received.

The table seems to have been prepared with care and exhibits in a comprehensive manner the business of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,

Director.

Frank D. Andrews, Esq.,

March 10, 1882

Vineland, N. J.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd. instant and in reply have to state that minor coins

are not now redeemed at the Mint in Philadelphia but by the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers of the United States.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

March 11, 1882

Assayer Boise City

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$750. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$258.30</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>491.70</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Arthur W. Eby Esq.

March 11th. 1882

Walnut.

Pott Co. Iowa.

Sir:

Yours requesting a list of premium coins received. The United States redeems its coins only at prices not exceeding their face value.

Some dealers in coins can doubtless furnish the information you desire.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt Mint, Carson.

March 11, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 610, for \$1,303.⁴³ being on account of refinery earnings in February 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 4th. instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Phila.

March 11, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5502 for \$1,121.⁴⁷, being on account of refinery charges in February, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 6th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint Philadelphia,

March 11, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5303 for \$53.²¹, being on account of melting, alloy & bar charges in February, 1882, enclosed

in your communication of the 6th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.
 Supt Mint U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

March 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28th, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 11, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Statistical Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28th 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Wolters Esq.

March 11, 1882

Assayer in Charge Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28th 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.

March 11, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Johann Case, Workman in the General Department of your institution, bearing date of the first inst. forwarded with your communication of the 4th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.

March 11, 1882

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of James B. Patterson, Workman, in the Coins department of your institution, bearing date of the 3rd inst. forwarded with your communication of the 4th instant.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 11, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following coins reserved for special assay from the coinage of your Mint during the month of February have been received, viz:

Four Half Eagles \$ 20.—

Five Standard Dollars 5.—

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

March 11, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson.

Sir:

The following coins reserved for special assay from the coinage of your Mint during the month of February have been received, viz:

Two Double Eagles \$ 40.—

One Half Eagle 5.—

Four Silver Dollars. 4.—

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard,

Director.

Telegram Richards & Co.

March 11, 1882

4 Murray Street.

New York City.

Send by Express to-day three muffles, fourteen by five and one half by four inches, for assay furnace.

Horatio C. Burghard,

Confirmed

Director.

George B. Hanna, Esq.,
Charlotte, N. C.

March 11, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury Draft #B 16466J for \$180.25 drawn in your favor in payment of traveling expenses incurred by you in collecting statistics of the production of the precious metals. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,
Hon. C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 11, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing letter of the Assayer of your Mint, dated the 3rd inst., asking an interpretation of certain paragraphs of the schedule of charges, is received.

As to the first inquiry whether the additional charge of 10 cents or one tenth of a cent per ounce gross of deposit is to be imposed on a gold deposit of United States or foreign coin assaying 895 fine, I answer, the language used appears to me to leave no doubt on the subject. Bullion not required to be parted or refined is subject to a melting charge at the rate of 100 cents or one tenth of one cent per ounce. If it is required to be parted or refined, and not a silver purchase the same rate is to be imposed as a part of the parting and refining charge. The clause imposing what may be called "a per-deposit", parting or refining charge plainly defines that it is on deposits requiring parting (except silver purchased) or refining gold, for each deposit of 1.000.

ounces or less etc., while in case the deposit is for gold coin or standard gold bars, it is the "rate per ounce" charge that is limited to the number of ounces required to be refined to raise the whole to standard. For a year and a half the charges have been imposed daily without any suggestion hitherto of ambiguity, or doubt as to the construction.

As to the second question, Does the clause "for gold coin or standard gold bars the rate per ounce charged will be imposed only on the number of ounces required to be refined to raise the whole to standard," mean for a deposit of gold coin or a deposit of any bullion for gold coin? It means, not a deposit of, but a deposit for, gold coin or standard gold bars. It was intended to apply only, as a similar provision in the Instructions of 1874, applied, to the refining of gold. The propriety of imposing the charge on a less number of ounces for refining bullion deposited for gold coin or gold bars was not considered. In revising the schedule in 1880, it was attempted to secure uniformity in classification with the least possible change in phraseology and rates, making, however a per-deposit parting or refining charge in order to collect under parting and refining for all the incidental expenses attending those operations.

As to the other point under the second head, I am not aware of anything in the Regulations that forbids "toughening" and imposing a charge therefor on bullion deposited for coin or standard bars, and also a parting charge, if both operations are necessary.

Third, as to the meaning of the word "standard". It was intended to be used in the sense employed in the Schedule of charges on the same subject contained in the Instructions

of 1874. If a gold deposit at 899 or silver at 897 fine are to be returned 900 fine, a charge for refining would seem to be proper. If such bars do not require to be refined the omission of a refining charge might be authorized under the clause on page 6, which provides that the charge will be collected only when the character of the bullion requires the operations to be performed.

As to the fourth question, "Is the gold in a silver purchase subject to an additional charge of 100 cents"? It is not. The "per-deposit" charge applies to, or is excepted in each case from, the gross amount of the deposit.

You have doubtless observed that none of the errors to which attention was called in my letter of the 14th January occurred in imposing charges under the clauses referred to, the proper construction of which has been requested, but were clerical errors of computation and the erroneous imposition of a bar charge. The restoration of the latter is suggested by the Assayer in order to recover the cost of refining gold to a point beyond the ordinary refining for coinage. The expenses of refining ought not to be provided for by a "bar charge" which is defined and authorized under section 3524, as a charge for the "preparation of bars." If the charge for refining gold is insufficient to meet the average cost of that operation at your Mint the proper remedy will be to increase the "per-deposit" or sale per ounce charge for refining.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

March 13, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Assayer in charge,

Helena Assay Office.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

March 13, 1882

Ten tons zinc shipped from Chicago twenty eighth ultimo.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 654 for \$101.⁹² being on account of alloy, melting and bar charges for February 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 655, for \$7,938.⁶⁴, being on account

of parting and refining charges for February 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 11th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 13, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith additional table of distances, to guide you in making payments for shipment of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer of the U. S.

March 13, 1882.

Sir:

Yours of this date inquiring whether Treasury Department Circular No. 56, (1873) Mint Bureau No. 2 is in full force and effect at this time is received.

The records of this office show no modifications of the directions therein contained except an amendment made April 22nd, 1873, by inserting the words "in even sums of not less than \$20." The coinage of three and five cent nickel pieces was ordered to be discontinued by the

Secretary of the Treasury, May 8th, 1875, and a limited coinage of five cent nickels was again authorized November 14th, 1881. The one cent bronze and five cent coins can therefore, be delivered by the Mint, as directed in the circular, but no three cent nickel pieces, as they are not now being coined.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return you as requested the letter of Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Assayer of your Mint which was by oversight not enclosed in my letter of Saturday.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

March 13, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause a life saving medal of the 1st. class (in gold) to be struck and inscribed as follows: "To John H. Rapp for heroic services in saving several persons from drowning, 1880-1881." and transmit the same together with your account to this office.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Adolph Eliasberg,
Selma, Ala.

March 13, 1882

Sir:

Yours requesting information as to the value of mutilated silver and nickel coins received.

I send you herewith copy of a circular relative to the purchase of mutilated silver coins at the Mints of the United States. You will see by Circular No 32 also enclosed, that the Government does not redeem mutilated minor coins.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Jno H. Small Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Washington, D. C.

March 13, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 10th. inst., asking at what price you would be safe in accepting mutilated or punctured coin, received, and I send you herewith copy of a circular in regard to the purchase of mutilated silver coins at the Mints of the United States.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans

March 14, 1882

As the removal of Murphy was withdrawn the appointment of Whitchurst in his place is disapproved.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

March 14, 1882

24 Nassau Street

New York

Delivery must be made according to the terms of the contract.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

March 14, 1882

24 Nassau Street,

New York.

Delivery should be made before close of business eighteenth instant unless Secretary extends time. I cannot see him until tomorrow.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed

Director

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt. U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday in relation to the life-saving medal for John H. Rapp, I have to inform you that the inscription should be "To John H. Rapp for heroic services in saving several persons from drowning 1880-1881."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger

March 14, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a life saving medal of the 2nd. class struck in compliance with your request of the 25th,

ultims,

I also enclose the bills for the medal case and engraving amounting to \$11.⁰⁷ and request that a draft in favor of A. Gordon Snowden, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia may be forwarded to the care of this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

March, 14, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the silver life saving medal, class two, referred to in your letter of the 13th instant has been received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th, instant making requisition for one "Superintendent's Order Book" I have to request that you will forward a sample leaf and describe the book and binding of same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th, instant, explaining the removal of Joseph Murphy.

The reasons given in your letter were certainly sufficient to warrant his dismissal and had they been known to me his removal would have met with my immediate approval.

You have certainly shown considerable leniency in your treatment of Mr Murphy.

As the position of night watchman is a very responsible one it is highly desirable that none but men of good habits and character should be employed in this capacity and if this man should offend again you should not continue his employment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Deposit sheets of Gold Bullion remaining unpaid No. 11.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

A. Laiden Snowden, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Deposit sheets of Gold Bullion remaining
unpaid, No. 11.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
been mailed you this day, viz:

300 Deposit sheets of Gold Bullion remaining
unpaid No 11.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

P. C. Van Weyck, Esq.,

March 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York City.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have
been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Deposit sheets of Gold Bullion remaining
unpaid, No. 11.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pinus C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

March 14, 1882.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank, 1 Register of certificates of payment of Bullion Deposits, and as requested in your letter of the 10th inst, and the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 14, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the estimate submitted to Congress for an appropriation to cover the expenses connected with the investigation of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco in July^{2d} and August last be increased by addition of the following items, viz:

To pay James Crawford, Superintendent of the Mint at Carson^{2d} George W. Bryant, Miller and Refiner of the Mint at Carson expenses incurred in traveling from Carson to San Francisco and return to attend the investigation of the San Francisco Mint; for the former \$58.~ for the latter \$60.~ in all \$118.~

In explanation of the above, I would state that during the progress of the investigation, Congressman Page requested that the officers named be summoned to San Francisco to give testimony which he considered essential and I therefor dispatched them on August 1st as follows:

The Commission investigating Supt. Dodge

desire you Mr. Miller and Refiner Bryant to be present tomorrow to give testimony. Bring official correspondence, Congressman Page requested.

The bills covering their expenses were paid by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson and included in his ordinary expense accounts for the month of August, 1881, but have been disallowed by the accounting officers of the Department as being in conflict with the provisions of Section 3681 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and it therefore becomes necessary to have a sufficient amount appropriated by Congress to pay these officers for the expenses incurred in obedience to my direction and the wishes of the gentleman conducting the investigation.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Miss. Kearney & Swartchild

Feb. 14, 1882

733 State St.

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I send you the Assayers report upon the gold watch chains and case sent me on the 2nd & 4th instant for assay.

I also enclose in currency the value of the gold contained in them, viz: Nine dollars and thirty-five cents, \$9.35-

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Thomas W. Ferry,
U. S. Senate,

March 14, 1882

Sir:

I have referred your request for the employment of Theresa White in the Philadelphia Mint at making bags to the Superintendent of that Mint, and am informed by him that "the amount of this work is trifling but that it will afford him great pleasure to comply with the request." He asks that she call at the Mint with a letter or note from you to indicate who she is.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Theo. F. Brown Esq.,
Denver, Col.

March 14, 1882

Sir:

I have your recommendation of John B. Cromwell as Chief Melter of the Denver Mint. In case it is decided to make a change in that office, it will receive attention.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor
Treasury Department,

March 15, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination & settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the quarter ending December 31, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

March 15, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1881 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

March 15, 1882

Treasury Department.
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending February 28th, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 15, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Sil. Dollar Exp. accounts for the month ending February 28th, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 626, for \$136²⁴, being on account of alloy charges collected in February, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 8th, instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco,

Sir:

C. D. No. 627, for \$113³³, being on account of melting charges in February, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 8th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March, 16, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 628, for \$12526¹⁶, being on account of refinery earnings in February 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 8th, instant has been

received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 15, 1882

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to request that you will return to this office the "Register Book of Gold Deposits" sent you some time ago. When I last wrote requesting the return of this book I was under the impression that only one had been sent to you. It is my intention to have these books rebound so that each will have a certain proportion of leaves for "Gold Deposits" "Silver Deposits" and "Silver Purchases".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Leonise,

March 15, 1882

24 Nassau Street

New York.

When the last day for delivery falls upon Sunday the time is extended to include the following Monday.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Messrs Wadsworth & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

March 16, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant ^{and} in reply I transmit herewith copy of a letter of current date addressed by me to ^{and} approved by the Secretary of the Treasury extending the time when the last day for delivery falls on Sunday to include the following Monday. When silver is offered for sale and the offer is accepted by the Department the party offering must complete the delivery within the time, if not so delivered it will be at the option of the government to accept the bullion at the stipulated price.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Asst. Treasurer of the U.S.
New York, N. Y.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

Referring to the request of Mr J. H. Monk to exchange positions with some one in the Denver Mint, I enclose you the reply of Mr Silver, Assayer in charge, from which it appears that none of the employes at that Mint desire to make the exchange.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of M. V. Davis, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Eight ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$272,258.⁶⁴) on account of profits on coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of \$272,258.⁶⁴, to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. the same being the balance of profits on coinage of standard silver dollars at your Mint December 31, 1881.

I have also requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of this sum.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

Referring to my letter of October 1, 1881, transmitting estimates of appropriations required for

the support of this office & the the Mints and Assay Offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, I have the honor to state that it is necessary that some competent person should be employed in the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau who could be safely intrusted with the material and bullion therein, take care of the rooms and perform the manual labor and render the assistance required by the Assayer in the daily operations of the Laboratory.

I have therefore to request that the estimate for this Bureau for the fiscal year 1883, be amended by the addition of one messenger for service in the Laboratory.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 15, 1882

Sir:

When the Circular notice of the Secretary of the Treasury was first issued inviting bids, on Wednesday of each week, for the delivery of silver bullion at the Mints for coinage and giving ten days for delivery, the last day for the completion of the contract fell upon Saturday. Subsequently, by Circular notice dated January 3rd, 1880, the day for receiving offers was changed to Thursday, making the last of the ten days for delivery fall upon Sunday. This without so intending practically shortened the period for delivery one day.

It is, therefore respectfully recommended that upon weekly offers accepted Thursday the time for delivery which expires Sunday, be extended to and construed to include the

following Monday.

Extended to include the following Monday. Respectfully,

Approved.

Chas. J. Folger.

Secretary.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Prof. Thomas Eggleston
School of Mines N. Y.

March 15, 1882

Sir:

I send you by Express to-day the electrotypes plates used in illustrating the article prepared by you on parting gold and silver.

These plates you can retain, subject however to any future order of this Office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

March 15, 1882

Sir:

In your detailed statement of gold and silver of domestic production, I notice that you enter as "Parted from gold" and "Parted from silver" and the total amount of partings from your deposits, irrespective of the sources from whence derived.

In this way gold and silver parted from re-deposits, which have previously been returned and that from jewelry, plate, etc is regarded as production from the mines of the country.

The proper method and the one adopted by all the Mints and Assay Offices is to credit the gold or silver parted from each deposit of domestic production to the state or territory producing it.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.,
 Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
 New York, N. Y.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

An accidental fall disabled me from making last week, a visit to your office as I had purposed and advised you. I shall not be able to go until next week, and now hope to see you Tuesday.

Respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Print
Philadelphia.

March 16, 1882

Send by to-days mail, Half Dollar of eighty-one and eighty-two.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Omaha Smelting Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

March 16, 1882

Parity of yesterday London rate is one hundred fourteen and thirty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer
San Francisco.

March 16, 1882

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint March 16, 1882
San Francisco

Receive from Daniel Meyer fifteen thousand ounces
 at one hundred thirteen and nine tenths, from
 Nevada Bank forty-six thousand ounces at one
 hundred thirteen and three quarter cents per
 ounce fine.

Honorio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Telegram Jas. B. Colgate & Co. March 16, 1882
 47 Wall Street, New York
 Your offer declined.

Honorio C. Burchard,
 Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram Wandry & Cronise, Belmisch & Hansen,
 24 Nassau Street New York. San Francisco.

H. L. Dodge, Esq., March 16, 1882
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th, instant
 enclosing statements of silver purchased and de-
 livered at your Mint from 13th, to 25th. February
 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Honorio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger, March 16, 1882
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion

fund of the Assay Office at Helena Montana be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.~) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq. March 16, 1882
 Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.~) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York,

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq. March 16, 1882
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of the Treasury and approved by him which will govern you hereafter in the reception of silver purchased for delivery at your Mint and by which you observe that when the last day for delivery falls upon Sunday the time is extended to include the following Monday.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 16, 1882

Supt Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith certificates of Deposit # 626, 627, & 628, covering into the Treasury the Alloy Melting and Refining charges collected at your Mint during the month of February 1882.

You will observe that you forwarded the duplicate in each case instead of the original which I will thank you to transmit.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

March 16, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Three Thousand, Fifty-Three $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,053.23) in Gold Coin and Thirty Three $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars (\$33.97) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Thousand, Eighty Seven $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,087.97) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 407, dated March 13, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Supt. Mint, U.S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February 1882, I desire to call your attention to vouchers 133rd and 145. The item of Farmers Picking in the former is charged at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ while the contract rate is only 11 cents. Please explain the discrepancy. Unless you made a special contract with F. B. Munn to do the work charged for by him at the price named in his bill, it will be necessary to furnish an itemized statement to accompany Voucher #145.

Hereafter in folding your accounts for transmittal, I will thank you to simply enclose the bill in its warrant without giving it an additional fold. - your pay rolls can also be so arranged instead of pinning the warrant inside.

The plan of folding you adopt, besides being inconvenient, makes an unsightly package.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burckhard,

Director.

First Auditor

March 16, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending February 28, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burckhard, Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending February 28, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

First Auditor,
 Treasury Department.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the month ending February 28, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Hollis, Esq.,
 Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
 Boise City, Idaho.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense accounts for the month ending February 28, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard, Director.

First Auditor,

March 16, 1882.

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Fixtures & Apparatus Expense Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the month ending February 28, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

March 16, 1882.

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month ending February 28th, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

March, 16, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and ^{Fixtures} & Apparatus Exp. accounts for the month ending February 28, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs. Kiesel, Buckmann & Horbacher

Mich. 16, 1882

25 William Street,

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing in duplicate bill for charges on three cases of machinery from Hamburg, per steamer "Gellert" for U. S. Mint, San Francisco, and return the bill herewith with the request that as it will facilitate the payment thereof, you will receipt and enclose the same to this office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Phila.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5506 for \$100,000.— being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 15th instant has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you

in your bullion accounts and the amount to be
covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon
the Printer for blank Memorandums of Gold
Bullion deposits and 2 Superintendents Order Books
and as requested in your letter of the 16th, inst.
the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The essay by Charles G. Gale on Mining Ma-
chinery and Metallurgical Appliances has been
received.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Ges W. F. Vernon, Esq.,

March 16, 1882

Custom House

Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Your letter of February 1st. in regard to the
appointment of Mr A. H. Todd, to a position in

the San Francisco Mint was received and has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that Mint for consideration.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 16, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference by you of a communication from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint and the letter of C. L. Totten, Lieutenant Fourth Artillery, United States Army in regard to the striking of a medal representing the reverse of the United States seal and asking that the new international coin, the goldoid, be thus designed, and your request that I should report whether there is any objection to authorizing Mr Snowden to strike the medal spoken of.

Section 3551 of the Revised Statutes provides that "dis of a national character may be executed by the Engraver and national and other medals struck by the coiners of the Mint at Philadelphia under such regulations as the Superintendent with the approval of the Director of the Mint may prescribe". No construction has been given to the phrase "dis of a national character".

On several occasions Resolutions and Acts of Congress have been passed authorizing and directing certain medals to be struck and bestowed upon persons for services named and appropriations were made to defray the expenses. Besides those for particularly distinguished officers and individuals named by Congress, medals are

given under appropriation Acts authorizing the bestowal of medals for gallantry in the life saving service, and also medals of the Presidents have been furnished to the Interior Department and paid for out of an appropriation for the expenses of the Indian Service.

If the term "dies of a national character and national medals" is limited to the execution of dies for such medals as Congress has authorized to be made the preparation of the proposed die at the Mint is prohibited by section 3551 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that no private medal dies shall be prepared at the Mint.

If a broader interpretation is to be given to the language, a medal commemorative of the adoption of the United States seal might be termed "national".

The propriety, however, of executing dies and striking medals at the Mint for all occasions as memorable as even this may be, is questionable.

The 20th. of June next, which it is proposed to commemorate by striking a medal, is the centennial anniversary of the adoption of the seal, not by the United States Nation but by the Congress of the "Confederation of the United States" over six years prior to the adoption of the Constitution and the organization of the Government under it. The seal in question became the seal of the United States of America by the Act of September 15th 1789 which provides that the seal heretofore used by the United States to Congress assembled shall be, and is hereby declared to be, the seal of the United States". The 20th. of June next would, therefore, be the anniversary of the adoption of the seal by the Confederation and over seven years prior to the centennial anniversary of the adoption of the National seal.

But few national events have been deemed of sufficient importance to require the striking of a medal in their commemoration. The adoption of the seal by ^{the} Congress of the Confederation, even if deemed a national act does not seem to me to be of such pre-eminence among other historical events as to justify the striking of a medal in its commemoration.

Whether the execution of a die as proposed would be proper or otherwise, a medal may be struck, conformably to the Regulations governing the Mint Service, from a die already existing or one privately furnished. But as the seal of the United States is used to authenticate and give validity to official documents, a medal giving a fac-simile impression might furnish convenient facilities for dangerous counterfeits, and I would respectfully suggest whether without the consent of the Secretary of State, who has the custody of the seal, the striking of such a medal for sale to the public should be permitted.

The papers referred to me are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Norris C. Burchard,

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

March 17, 1882

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Bill of Henry C. Waite for transfer of public property consigned to your care, from Dillon to Helena in January, 1882, amounting to \$6.62, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from

the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office 1882.

Very respectfully,
Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 17, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith one dollar (\$1.~) in payment of two (2) half dollars enclosed in your letter of yesterday to this office.

I also enclose 10^c to pay for telegram which was erroneously sent you, charges to be collected.

Very respectfully,
Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 17, 1882

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York that he now has ready for shipment to your Mint an invoice of gold bullion, amounting to \$5,565,222.⁰³, and requesting that the same may be transferred.

Before asking for the transfer, I have to request that you will inform me whether you are prepared and ready to receive the same.

Very respectfully,
Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 17, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith statement of silver purchased at your Mint during the month of February, 1882, for correction.

You will observe that the purchase under date of February 10, of E. May of 93.95 ounces at \$1.147 per ounce is extended as of the value of \$107.⁶² and it should be \$107.⁷⁶. I will thank you to make the correction and return the same as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

March 17, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,728.⁴⁷) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred Ninety-nine $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars (\$299.³¹) in Silver Coin making a total of Fourteen Thousand Twenty-seven $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars (\$14,027.⁷⁸) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 409 dated March 13, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. W. Bisby, Esq.
Clairinda, Iowa.

March 17, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers, has been referred to me for reply.

The United States redeems its coins only at prices not exceeding their face value.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Mrs R. M. Heron.
Mt. Carroll,
Carroll Co. Ills.

March 17, 1882

Madam:

Yours requesting to be informed of the value of a twenty dollar note about one fourth of which has been torn off, received, and, in reply, I enclose a circular issued by the Treasury Department, which contains the information you desire.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Prof. Thomas Eggleston,
New York City.

March 17, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th, instant transmitting a list of names of gentlemen who can furnish reliable information relative to mining statistics.

Please accept my thanks for the same. Should the work of collecting statistics of the production of the precious metals be continued, I will wish

pleasure avail myself of information they may be inclined to furnish for the report of 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Wm. B. Dougherty, Esq.,
 Carson City,
 Nevada.

March 17, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 2nd. inst. for compiling statistics of production of the mines of Nevada for the six months ending Dec 31, 1881, purchased for the use of my report of Mining Statistics amounting to \$7.00, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 18, 1882.

Sir:

Enclose herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses, the account of Messrs Hensch, Bruckman & contractor for expenses in connection with three 3 cases of machinery for your Mint. You will please remit them a draft on New York for the amount.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Messrs. Kinsel, Bruckman & Lorbacher,
25 William Street
New York.

Mch. 18, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have referred your bill for expenses incurred on account of three (3) cases of machinery from Hamburg received & forwarded by you to the San Francisco Mint, with instructions to the Supt. to remit you a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

March 18, 1882

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and ten hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

March 18, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith for completion the official oath of John R. Thompson recently appointed a workman in your Mint. The date of the oath is omitted; please have same inserted and return to this office.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 18, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion the account of Messrs Merchant & Co. for 24,000 lbs Spelter amounting to \$2,070 delivered to Col. C. W. Tompkins, Quarter Master U. S. A. at Chicago, Ills for shipment to your Mint. I also enclose receipt of Col. Tompkins for the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 18, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia,

Sir:

I enclose herewith properly signed in duplicate for one Life Saving Medal of the Second Class forwarded by you to this office on the 13th, instant. I also endorse draft drawn by George A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk or Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York for \$11.07, in payment for the same.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March, 18, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck a life saving medal of the 2nd class in silver.

You will cause the same to be inscribed as follows:

"To William Ross for bravely rescuing a man from drowning June 9th, 1881," transmitting the same with your account to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, Carson,

March 18, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts & Vouchers for the quarter ending December 31, 1881.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
 Assayer in charge,
 U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

March, 18, 1882

Sir:

I presented yesterday your request for an increase of your salary to \$1,800. and that of the Assistant Assayer to \$1,000. to the Sub Committee of the House of Representatives who are preparing the legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, called attention to the small amount now paid you and him and recommended the increase asked for.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 20, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred ²⁵/₁₀₀ and Twenty Two ⁵³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$5,565,222.53) payable in 299,130.711 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

March 20, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$5,565,222.53, payable in 299,130.711 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 20, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of \$5,565,222.53 payable in 299,130.711 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Blake Crusher, Co.

March 20, 1882

New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for one (1) Challenge Laboratory Crusher. I have to request that you will make the same out as against the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. and not against the Treasury Department and as it will facilitate payment thereof, I will thank you to receipt and return the same to this office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

March 20, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Certificates of Gold Deposit, and as requested in your letter of the 18th. inst 3000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

March 20, 1882.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your telegram I have to say that I send you by to-days mail, one hundred certificates of Gold Deposit, intended for the use of Assay Offices if you can use these until a supply can be printed

(which will be in about three weeks) I will send more. Should they not answer you are authorized to have five hundred printed.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

March 20, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant requesting a letter press copying book of unusual dimensions, I desire to say that the size is not kept in stock in the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department and that in consequence, you are authorized to have one made. These copying books are classed as stationery and I will thank you hereafter to include such numbers as you may need in your semi annual requisitions.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor:

March 20, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month ending February 28th, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 20, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts for the month ending February 28th 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

B. London Snowden Esq.

March 21, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck a life saving medal of the second class (in silver) - the same to be inscribed as follows:

"To Samuel S. Cox for bravely rescuing several persons from drowning 1878 to 1881."

You will please transmit the same with your account to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

March 21, 1881.

Assayer in charge,

Helena.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 10th instant I have with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury reduced the charge for assaying ores at your institution on and after the 1st proximo

to two dollars for each assay.

Very respectfully,

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Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 21, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans

Sir:

C. D. No 48, for \$3,648.⁵², being on account of melting, alloy & bar charges enclosed in your communication of the 14th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 21, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans

Sir:

C. D. No. 48½ for \$408.⁶⁹ being on account of partings & refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 14th instant, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Partings & refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Honorio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Carson.

March 21, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 634. for \$24.- being on account of
Our assays, enclosed in your communication of
the 11th inst, has been received, properly indorsed
and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no
personal credit to be given you in your accounts
and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as
a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Alex. Del Mar, Esq.,
No 51 New St.
New York, N. Y.

March, 21, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 20th inst received and I send
you by to-days mail a copy of my Report on the
"Production of Gold and Silver in the United States
for 1880", in which appears on page 311, an article
by Walter A. Skidmore on the Production of the
Precious Metals in California. A copy of this re-
port has also been forwarded to your London address.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Order in regard to the charges for assaying ores at
at the Helena Assay Office.

The charges for assaying ores for the Assay Office
at Helena, Montana, on and after the first of April
next are fixed at two dollars for each assay.

Approved,

Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary.

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

March 21, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by reference to this office of a letter from the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives requesting further information in relation to two of the items of the estimates for appropriations required to complete the service of the Mints and Assay Offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882 and prior years and to reply as follows.

In reference to the first item which the Committee desire to know "why this should appear again it having been rejected at the last session", I have to state that the amount appropriated for freight on coin ^{and bullion} for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1880, was \$6,000, while the amount incurred for such transportation was, \$16,967.50, as shown by the bills of the Express Company and referred by this office to the accounting officers of the Department, leaving a balance of \$11,967.50, as found and stated by the First Comptroller of the Treasury to be due the Express Co. and for which an estimate was submitted by him. The Director of the Mint submitted no estimate for this indebtedness and no explanation was made by him to the Committee on Appropriations.

No reason is known to me why it was rejected, probably however, it was because no officer explained to the Committee, the nature and cause of the deficiency.

The services were rendered and the amount is justly due the Adams Express Company.

In relation to the second item, the investigation of the Mint at San Francisco, I have the honor to state that serious charges were made to the President of the United States in relation to the management

of the Mint at San Francisco. After consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, it was decided that these charges demanded immediate investigation and Hon. Alexander Ramsey late Secretary of War was, under authority contained in the Act of March 3, 1881, making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year 1882, viz: "Office of the Director of the Mint" for the examination of Mint expenses in visiting Mints and Assay Offices for the purpose of superintending the annual settlements and for special examinations, requested and authorized by me, with the approval of the Secretary, to proceed to San Francisco and make a full and thorough examination of all the material allegations and charges made in relation to the management of that institution. After his arrival in San Francisco Gov. Ramsey desired assistance in conducting the investigation and at his suggestion the Hon Thomas L. Young, Member of Congress from Ohio and the Hon. Sherman O. Houghton, Ex-Member of Congress from California were requested by the Secretary of the Treasury to aid him in the examination.

They assented to his request and proceeded to act making the examination upon formulated charges taking testimony hearing arguments of counsel and submitting their reports, a copy of which is hereto appended.

It became necessary to make use of the services of a stenographer and secretary in order to preserve the testimony and keep the minutes of their proceedings.

Gov. Ramsey having been appointed by the Director of the Mint to make this special examination of the San Francisco Mint, his travelling and hotel expenses while engaged in this duty

were paid from the appropriations for the annual and special examinations of Minors, amounting to \$963.²⁵; nothing however was paid for his services.

The gentlemen acting with him Messrs Young and Houghton, had no official authority except the simple request of the Secretary. They paid their own expenses and have received no compensation for either their services or personal expenses.

For nearly two months, they gave a patient hearing in consideration of the matters presented to the exclusion of their private and professional business and performed their duties with fidelity.

In view of the high standing of the parties concerned, the gravity of the charges and the intricate questions involved, the examination required the services of gentlemen of ability and high personal character. While I am not aware of any law authorizing the Secretary to make an appointment for this purpose or empowering the gentlemen named to act on the part of the government as Commissioners and create a legal obligation for the payment of their services and the expenses incurred while thus acting, yet it seems eminently proper for them to have acted at the request of the Secretary and they should be compensated for the time employed and the expense incurred.

I enclose herewith copy of my letter designating the Hon. Alexander Ramsey to make the special examination and copies of the telegrams of the Secretary of the Treasury requesting Messrs Young and Houghton to assist.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of W. L. Dodge, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Eight and $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars, (\$752,758.⁷⁵) on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

March 22, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of A. Gordon Snowden Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Four Hundred Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Six and $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars (\$407,486.⁶⁸) on account of the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 22, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name the sum of \$763,768.⁸⁶ on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars on hand at your Mint, December 31, 1881, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

March 22, 1882

Supt U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name the sum of \$407,486.⁶⁵ on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars on hand at your Mint December 31, 1881, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

March 22, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the

United States, in the name of James Crawford
 Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev.
 the sum of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred
 Ninety Five ^{and 80/100} Dollars (\$16,995.⁸⁰/₁₀₀) on account
 of the profits on the coinage of standard silver
 dollars and that the bullion fund and that
 the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by
 a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
 Supt U. S. Mint,
 Carson, Nev.

March 22, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury
 to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the
 U. S. in your name, the sum of \$16,995.⁸⁰/₁₀₀, on
 account of profits on the coinage of standard
 silver dollars on hand at your Mint Decem-
 ber 31, 1881, and that the bullion fund of your
 Mint be increased by a transfer of the same
 amount.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

March 22, 1882

Sir:

Inquiry has been made at this office
 as to when the army marksmanship med-
 als will be ready. I will thank you to
 advise me when the dies will probably be

finished and ready for striking the medals.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 22, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Memorandums of Gold Bullion deposited, and as requested in your letter of the 21st inst 3,000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Wollers, Esq.,

March 22, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the first instant informing me that you erroneously deposited with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco the charges collected at your institution to cover the cost at the Mint of making the deposits into coin and asking how you can recover the same, I would say that as the certificate of deposit has not reached this office as yet I do not know the amount of it, nor do I know the amount of charge in your hands at this time, so that I have not the necessary information to advise you on the subject. If you will forward the certificate to this office, I will see that the amount is not covered into the Treasury, until your own earnings

amount to as much as the sum deposited.

If your own charges and miscellaneous earnings for the last and present quarter amount to as much as the sum deposited, the certificate can be altered to cover them.

You will therefore not make any further deposits of earnings in the Treasury until notified by this office what disposition has been made of the certificate named, and you will please forward your bullion accounts for the current quarter as soon after its close as may be convenient.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

March 22, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

March 23, 1882

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada

March 23, 1882

Offer of John Scott accepted.

Confirmed
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

March 23, 1882

24 Nassau Street

New York

Your offer of two hundred thousand for Philadelphia accepted, also fifty thousand ounces of offer for New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank,

March 23, 1882

San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Daniel Meyer,

San Francisco.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

March 23, 1882

New Orleans, La.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine and from Handy & Cronise fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and fifty-one hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

March 23, 1882

San Francisco.

Receive from Anglo Californian Bank seventy-five thousand ounces at one hundred and fourteen cents from Daniel Meyer fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and five

hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram

Helmerich & Hansen,

March 23, 1882

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Confirmed

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,

March 23, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Denver, Col.

Sir:

Enclose herewith for payment duplicate receipted bills of the Blake Crusher Co. for one Challenge Laboratory Crusher, delivered to Col. Charles H. Tompkins, Quartermaster U. S. Army at Chicago, for shipment to your Mint. You will please remit the Company a draft for the amount \$50.⁴⁵.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Blake Crusher Co.,

March 23, 1882

New Haven, Conn.

Gentlemen:-

Your duplicate bills for one Challenge Laboratory Crusher have been received & forwarded to the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, with instructions to forward you a draft for the amount, \$50.⁴⁵.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Louden Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 28, 1882

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to wit: of -

Wandy & Cronise 200,000 Ounces at \$1.1444

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March, 28, 1882

Sir:

Referring to special warrants covering the payments from your silver profit fund during the fourth quarter of the year 1881, for expenses of shipping silver dollars, I do not find with your bullion accounts the enclosure for No. 14.

The warrant is drawn to Mrs M. E. L. Elliott for the sum of \$36.⁷², for making sacks for silver dollars. Please forward the bill.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Carson.

March 23, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account Abstracts & vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

March 23, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th. instant enclosing a communication from the Melters and Refiners of your Mint, making certain recommendations in relation to increasing the per diem compensation of the workmen employed in the melting department.

You state in your letter that from a careful consideration of the condition of your appropriation you are prepared to say that the appropriation for the present year will admit of an increase of pay amounting to \$4. per day from the first proximo. The increase recommended by the Melters and Refiners amounts to \$11.20 per day and that recommended by you to \$6.20 per day. As I could not very well adjust the increases of pay submitted from the rates proposed by you so as to come within the amount which your appropriation will permit without doing possible injustice, I have decided to suspend action on the proposed changes of compensation until after a personal interview with yourself or Mr. Bonzano.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

March 23, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Record Book of Silver Bars appropriated.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.,
 Assayer in charge
 Denver Mint.

March 23, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th. instant transmitting a report of the production of gold and silver in Colorado during the six months ended December 1881.

I am fully aware of the many difficulties under which you have labored in endeavoring to procure statistical information and feel highly gratified with the success that appears to have attended your efforts.

The thanks of this Office are due to you and your assistants for the information you have obtained and transmitted.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

H. C. Warner Jr. Esq.,
 Scottsville, Mo.

March 23, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the

value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces were struck and ^{issued, and} they are of no more value than other dollars.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

March 24, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23 instant requesting that a transfer of gold bullion to the amount of \$5,538.097.⁹⁰ be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia and in reply I have to state that owing to the large amount due the Express Company for transportation for former years and for the payment of which the appropriation recently made is applicable I do not deem it expedient or advisable to request that any further transfers be made at present.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 24, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 8, 1881, in regard to an additional vault on the basement floor of your Mint, similarly located and of the same dimensions as the one lately

constructed, I have to state that the Act providing for certain of the most urgent deficiencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882 and for other purposes approved March 6, 1882, contains an appropriation of \$10,000. for constructing an additional vault at your Mint. It has been thought best that the same shall be constructed under the direction of the Supervising Architect especially as he has an additional vault to construct at the Sub Treasury in your city. The vault will be constructed with as little delay as possible under his direction.

Very respectfully,
 Rosalie C. Burchard,
 Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
 New York City.

March 24, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$5,538,097.⁹² payable in 297.672.762 ounces standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,
 Rosalie C. Burchard,
 Director.

W. B. Dodge, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

March 24, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th. instant requesting that a deposit be made in the Treasury on account of the profits on the coinage of

standard silver dollars and that your bullion fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount, and calling attention to your letter of January 12, 1882, in which you reported the amount of profits on hand December 31, 1881, ~~\$760,708.~~⁸⁵ which you requested to be deposited in the Treasury and in reply I have to state that I deemed it preferable to wait until your bullion accounts were received and the amount to be deposited found to agree with the same before making the deposit and transfer.

Your bullion accounts showing the amount to the credit of the Silver Profit Fund to be the same as stated in your letter of January 12th. last, on the 22nd instant I requested that the amount be deposited in the Treasury and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 24 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In order that the actual expenses from month to month for parting and refining at your Mint may be distinguished from those for other operations, you are instructed to open a parting and refining expense account and to report these expenses monthly separate from your ordinary account. Advances will be made you upon monthly requisition by letter, of an amount sufficient to cover the expenses connected with parting and refining bullion at your Mint.

As the charges collected at your institution

for packing and refining are very small in amount it is presumed that the expenses connected with these operations are correspondingly light and it is hoped that your monthly expenses under this head will not exceed the charges collected for the operations named. I desire that this account shall be started, if possible, by the 1st of April.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

March 24, 1882

Sir,

Referring to your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 1881, I desire to direct your attention to the amount reported for contingent expenses during the period named, viz: \$6,010.⁶⁸, not including wastage and loss on sale of sweeps.

Your monthly expense accounts as rendered and approved by this office show the expenses for contingent and incidentals at your Mint to have been

October \$976.06

November 3,484.90

December 1,997.86

In all \$6,408.82

Of this amount \$408.14, was paid for loss on sale of sweeps, leaving the amount actually expended for contingent expenses during the quarter \$6,000.68, or \$15.- less than the amount reported on your statement of earnings and expenditures.

Please inform me how you arrive at the amount given in your statement, and if incorrect forward the corrected statement.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

First Auditor,

March 24, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month ending February 28, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

March 24, 1882

Supt. Mint, Carson

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Col. W. C. Corbin,

March 24, 1882

Asst. Adj't. Genl. U. S. A.

War Department.

Sir:

I send you by bearer endorsed draft of W. L. Dodge, Supt. of the San Francisco Mint for \$53.70, amount contributed by employes of that Mint toward the National Garfield Monument for which please send receipt.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard, Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 24, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred, Ninety Six $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars (\$16,496.94) in Gold Coin and Four Hundred Fifty Six $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$456.13) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars (\$16,953.97), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 444, dated March 20, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

March 25, 1882

Sir:

The distance as furnished in your letter of the 22nd instant, from New Orleans to the following towns is correct, viz:

Arlington, Va.	100 miles
St. Martinsville, Va.	125 "

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Ludwig Seyss, Esq.
 Alzgersdorf (near Vienna)
 Austria,

March 26, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith first of exchange drawn by Messrs Riggs & Co. of this city on Monsieur P. Henry Hebard in your favor for 13,000 francs the same being in payment for the second coin assorting machine purchased from you for the mint at San Francisco. I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
 Supt U. S. Mint.
 Philadelphia Pa.

March 26, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint the bill of the "Inquirer" \$9.⁷⁵ for advertising for proposals for nickel.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Prof. Chas. E. Munroe
 U. S. Naval Academy,
 Annapolis, Md.

March 26, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 21st inst. to the Director has been received and I send you by to-days mail several copies of the Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1881.

Very respectfully,

Waratis C. Burchard,
 Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

March 27, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 25th instant the leave of absence heretofore granted you, is extended for an additional thirty (30) days.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

March 27, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the month ending February 25, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 27, 1882

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense accounts for the month ending February 25, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 27, 1882

Sir:

I return to-day by registered mail the impressions of the medals for army marksmanship Nos. 2 & 4. They have been submitted to the inspection of the Secretary of War and the Chief of Ordnance, who both express themselves as well satisfied with the designs and workmanship.

You will therefore proceed to strike the medals as early as practicable and transmit the same to this office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Roston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 28, 1882

Sir:

I forward to you by express to-day a package said to contain \$2.10 in mutilated coin received at this office from O. Thomas Withe, Depot, Shelby County, Tenn. no letter accompanying the same.

I presume that it is intended the coin shall be purchased as bullion, therefore you will please remit Mr Thomas the bullion value of the silver coins in the package. I notice there is a number of mutilated 5¢ pieces. These you will return to Mr Thomas.

Very respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

O. Thomas, Esq.,

March, 28, 1882

Withe Depot.

Shelby Co. Tenn.

Sir:

I have received from you a package said to contain \$42.¹⁰ in mutilated coin which I have forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint with instructions to the Superintendent to remit you the bullion value of the silver coin contained in the package and return the 5^c mutilated nickel coin as the Mints do not redeem or purchase mutilated nickel coin.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 28, 1882

Supt. Mint, of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of March 20th, was received and I send you by to-days mail one hundred copies of Circular relative to purchase of mutilated coins.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.Dewey & Co.

March 28, 1882

252 Market St.

San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 19th instant for 12 months subscription to Mining & Scientific Press, purchased for the use of this Bureau

amounting to \$4. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Harvey J. Porter, Esq.,
1424, New York Ave.

March 28, 1882

City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 26th instant for copy of World's Atlas purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$2.6. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Wm B. Daugherty, Esq.,
Carson City, Nevada

March 28, 1882

Sir,

I transmit herewith U. S. Treasury draft No. B. 16610) for \$750, drawn in your favor in payment of services connected with the compiling of statistics of the production of mines of Nevada for six months ended Dec. 31st 1881. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Messrs Kearney & Swartzchild
 133 State Street,
 Chicago, Ill.

March 28, 1882.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith Assayers report upon gold chain numbered "E. H." forwarded in your letter of the 20th instant for melt and assay.

Please find enclosed value of said chain 42 cents.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

S. Dana Horton, Esq.,

March 28, 1882

Care Mr B. F. Stevens

No 4 Trafalgar Square
 London, Eng.

Sir:

Your letter of February 16th, and the enclosure showing the proceedings of the meeting on bi-metalism were received.

There are no Goloid coins to be obtained here, as the few remaining specimen pieces of those struck for inspection by request of the Committee of the House of Representatives on Coinage were sent to the Mint. I will ascertain whether a set could be procured there and request the Superintendent to forward one, but I do not care to invest any money in procuring a set for presentation to the Numismatic Society of Brussels.

Respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint of the U. S.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

March 29, 1882

Sir:

Mr S. Dana Horton has written me from London in regard to procuring a set of Goloid coins for presentation to the Numismatic Society of Brussels. I have replied that I would request the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to furnish a set, and you can forward one, if you think proper, to his address - care B. F. Stephens, No 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England.

Mr Horton states that he will be glad to remit on word that it is possible to purchase the specimens.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

March 29, 1882

After paying outstanding bills what balance will you have of funds for mining statistics.

Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

Rene C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
 New York City.

March, 29, 1882

Sir:

In view of your statement that the calculating clerk, Mr. Kelsey, at present drawing a salary of \$1,800 per annum is performing the duties of assistant to the weigh clerk and the latter officer is performing the duties

of Calculating Clerk at a salary of \$1600 per annum, I will request the Committee on Appropriations if this will be satisfactory to you to reduce the appropriation for Assayers computation clerk for the next fiscal year from ^{the amount estimated} \$1500 to \$1600,~ and to increase the salary of the Assistant weigh clerk from \$1600, to \$1800.~

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger

March 29, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a life saving medal of the 1st class for John W. Kapp, as requested in your letter of the 10th instant.

I also enclose bills for the same amounting to Sixty Six $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars, (\$66.³⁶) and will thank you to cause a draft in favor of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to be transmitted to the care of this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckhard,
Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,

March 30, 1882

24 Nassau Street

New York

Your offer for Philadelphia accepted that for New Orleans declined.

Horatio C. Burckhard,

Confirmed

Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company March 30, 1882
 Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and seventy two hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Daniel Meyer March 30, 1882
 San Francisco.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Nevada Bank,
 San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, March 30, 1882
San Francisco.

Receive from Daniel Meyer thirty-five thousand ounces from Nevada Bank forty-six thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one eighth cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Bank of California, March 30, 1882
 San Francisco

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard
 Director

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Helmich & Hansen, Harris,
 San Francisco. San Francisco.

W. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 30, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Co. 40,000 Ounces, at, \$1,1472

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

March 30, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Handy & Bronise 100,000 Ounces, at, \$1,1469

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
 New York City.

March 30, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to forward detailed estimates, (with copies of the drawings forwarded about a year ago) of the amount required to improve and repair the building in which your assay office is located, in order that I may be in possession of the necessary information to furnish the proper Committee of Congress.

Very respectfully,
 Wm. C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

March 30, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th instant enclosing blank forms to be printed for use in reporting sale of sweeps, was received and the forms have been considered.

It is preferable that each class of sweeps should be kept distinct, even if they are all sold at one time and for that purpose I have prepared new forms, copies of which I enclose for your information. They seem to furnish all the data necessary for making the apportionment and to be a sufficient statement to accompany the warrants for payments from the appropriations to make good the losses. The proceeds of the Superintendents sweeps only should be accounted for and therefore no entry is necessary to make good the losses on their sale.

Such proceeds and the surplus bullion returned by the Operative Officers and Deposit Melting Room grains, sweeps, &c. constitute the "surplus bullion" which may be applied under the Regulations to lessen the proportion of loss on wastage and loss on sale of sweeps to be re-imbursed from the Contingent Appropriation. If the re-imbursments are made, as required by the regulations, at the time the losses are declared, it will not be necessary to print the forms of reimbursing the Profit and Loss accounts which you enclosed, as the entries covering the losses and reimbursement, can be made direct from your Bullion accounts to your coin accounts, except in using the Surplus bullion when the entries will be in your Bullion and Profit and Loss accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 30, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your dispatch of the 29th instant informing me that you have but \$11.~ remaining of the fund advanced you from the appropriation for collecting mining statistics for the current fiscal year.

In view of the fact that the appropriation is nearly exhausted, less than \$800.~ remaining to the credit of it which will be needed for collecting the statistics already obtained and in connection with

the preparation of my report, you will please not incur any additional expense in excess of the amount already in your hands during the remainder of the fiscal year without previous authority.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

March 30, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 2nd. inst. asking for instructions as to whether all the silver deposited for bars or for small purchases should be entered under one head or entered separately was delayed with the expectation that I would have a personal interview with yourself and the Meltin and Refiner on the subject.

I have no copy of the book which was prepared, and which would enable me to answer the question. My recollection is that it was intended to enter in separate books silver deposits and silver purchases, but the Meltin and Refiner can keep the book in such form as he considers most desirable.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 30, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd. inst.,

enclosing memorandum from your book-keeper and form of new Journal ledger which he desires to have printed for use in your Mint.

I see no objection to the form submitted, but before printing the books, I prefer to see all the proposed forms and copies of all the headings the book will contain.

I have no objection to the manufacture of the book in your city as soon as the forms have been submitted and returned.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

John G. Gaines, Esq.

March 30, 1882

Citizens Bank of Louisiana,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. inst. is received with your suggestions as to a proposed international coin currency which I have read with interest and deem worthy of consideration by the Conference.

Respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Wm. H. Furney

March 30, 1882

House of Representatives

Sir:

Yours of the 29th. inst., enclosing letter of Messrs. Chamblus & Mosely received.

There is an assay laboratory attached to this Bureau where minerals may be analyzed upon payment of a charge of ten dollars for each sample forwarded for such opera-

tion, but there is no Government Assay Office at which such service can be performed free of expense.

Messrs Chambers & Mosley's letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard,
Director.

Chas. J. H. Carter, Esq.,

March, 30, 1882.

Secretary the Pass Ridge,

Gold and Silver Mining Co.,

Manchester, Ind.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. inst. to the Hon. J. F. B. Felt, in regard to "proving" your gold and silver has been referred to me.

There is an assay laboratory attached to this bureau, and if you desire, an assay can be made giving the amount of gold and silver contained per ton in the sample sent, upon your forwarding a sufficient quantity for that purpose and paying the charge for assaying which is three dollars. An analysis to ascertain the amount and character of other minerals contained in the sample would cost ten dollars.

If you wish to make a deposit of the gold dust of which you say you have \$30. to \$50. worth it should be forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint, where it will be melted into a bar, assayed and the value paid you without, however, a special assay - unless desired, for which the same charge will be made of three dollars per assay.

Respectfully,

Walter C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

March 31, 1882

Sir,

Coin nine hundred thousand silver dollars
in April.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

March 31, 1882

Coin one hundred and fifty thousand silver
dollars in April.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one
hundred thirteen and three quarter cents per
ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram Wand & Cronise,

March 31, 1882

24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Offer of fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia
at one hundred fourteen and seventy eight hund-
reds cents declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Confirmed Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of one Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million (\$1,000,000) standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th. inst. enclosing the essay of J. W. Hammond and stating that it will conclude all the details that can be furnished for the forthcoming report.

It is not contemplated that any further work will be required of you in obtaining statistical information in regard to the production of the precious metals until after the close of the fiscal year, except to receive, classify, and arrange for future use such information as may be obtained in the course of current business.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in gold coin.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in gold coin.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd and 24th instant enclosing statement of silver purchased from March 1st to 18th, 1882, inclusive.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Bondon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th instant enclosing statement of silver purchased from the 20th to the 20th instant.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Bondon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 31, 1882

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined by your Mint during the month of April 750,000 standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined by your Mint during the month of April 500,000 stand-
and silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

March 31, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and
settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the
Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena,
Montana, for the month ending February 28th. 1882
rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as
required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for examina-
tion and settlement, your Ordinary Expense ac-
count for the month ending February 28th. 1882
with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir,

I have received and return herewith the form of Gold coin account enclosed in your letter of the 24th. inst. You will notice that I have written in blue pencil some remarks in the column on the credit side of the account headed "Silver Coinage paid in exchange for gold coins". I do not see how gold coin can be credited for any amount indicated in this heading. It is very properly debited with the amount received in exchange for silver coins but it is not possible that the same exchange could make a credit. At any rate Gold coin belonging to the bullion fund can not legally be paid out except in payment of deposits of gold bullion and transfers to the United States Treasury.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Assayer's Register of Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished you during the month of February, 1882, amounting to \$8.25.

Duplicate bill is enclosed herewith for your information.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,

Director.

Similar letter with the exception of amount addressed to

M. V. Davis, New Orleans

\$36.08

James Crawford Carson,

38.22

H. L. Dodge, San Francisco

10.-

H. Silver, Denver,

14.50H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of (\$10.000) to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Minting and Refining Bullion":

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard, Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 627, for \$113.³³ being on account of melting charges in February, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 24th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 626, for \$136.²⁷ being on account of alloy charges in February, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 24th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 628, for \$12,526.¹⁶ being on account of refinery earnings in February 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 24th. instant, has

been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Purifying and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

March 31, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$29,100, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$ 2,100

Wages of Workmen 1882 22,000

Contingent Expenses 1882 5,000

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

J. B. Gaskin, Esq.,

March, 31, 1882

No 501, Montgomery St.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. inst. referring to the circular of February 2nd. in regard to the purchase of mutilated coins and the clips containing extracts from newspapers commenting thereon have been received.

You do not seem to be aware, and the

writers whose remarks you have enclosed seem to be ignorant, that the Mints of the United States have no authority to receive from the Public silver coins except as silver bullion either deposited to be melted and delivered back in silver bars or as silver bullion purchased for coinage. They are not authorized to redeem silver coin even uncut. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers of the United States are authorized under the Act of June 9th, 1879 and are redeeming subsidiary silver coin, whether worn or of full weight, but they refuse to receive and redeem mutilated coins.

There was no way for the Public to dispose of these coins except to sell them at a very large discount to the silver bullion dealers to be melted up or sold to the Government as silver bullion. For the convenience of the Public, I obtained an order from the Secretary authorizing the purchase of mutilated silver, in lots of not less than three dollars, at the market rate of the pure silver contained, which being now about one dollar per standard ounce and the rate at which the Mints computed the value of silver deposits, made the value of two full weight half dollars about eighty cents. I enclose you a copy of the Circular from which you will see that the authority is to purchase mutilated coins by weight as silver bullion. This was all that the law authorized the Secretary to do. The Circular stated merely as a matter of information to the Public how much would be paid for mutilated coin at the rate of one dollar per standard ounce, so that the holders of such pieces might know, if they sent the coins to the Mint what they ought to be paid.

To carry your proposition into effect will require legislation by Congress, to which I have no objection. If there is any hardship in the purchase of mutilated coin at its bullion value it is the fault of the law, and not of the circulars of the Director.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,

April 1, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a bill now pending in the House of Representatives, to authorize the receipt at the Coinage Mints and the Assay Office at New York, of U. S. gold coin in exchange for gold bars.

Should the bill become a law you will be promptly advised.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

New Orleans, La.

James Beauford, Esq.,

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

San Francisco, Cal.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

April 1, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith life saving medals of the second class for Wm H. Ross and Samuel S. Cox, struck in compliance with the request contained in your letters of the 17th and 20th instant. I also enclose bills for the same amounting to Twenty Two and $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars (\$22 $\frac{74}{100}$) and will thank you to forward to the care of this office a draft in favor of A. Snowden Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 1, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be struck in white metal two copies of the U. S. diplomatic medals and two copies of the life saving medal of the first and second class for the Royal Danish Museum of coins and medals at Copenhagen Denmark.

You will please forward the medals with bills for the same to this office as early as practicable

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

April 1, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$42,000, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz: with the request that the same be made "special".

Salaries 1882 \$ 3,500

Wages of Workmen 1882 32,500

Contingent Expenses 1882 7,000

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

E. S. Wheeler, Editor,

April 1, 1882

Dyes Counterfeit Detector

1338 Chestnut St. Philadelphia.

Will mail you statement of coinage to-day.
 Will send it by wire if desired.

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury

April 1, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by reference of the letter addressed to you by the Honorable R. T. Pettigrew, asking your opinion as to the necessity and propriety of establishing an Assay Office at Deadwood, Dakota, with a copy of the Bill introduced in the House of Representatives for that purpose and your request for my report thereon.

An Assay Office is of great local advantage in any gold or silver producing region where the precious metals are found in placers and the country is being prospected for the discovery and development of new mines. It is also of great advantage where the mines are scattered over a considerable area and gold is obtained in limited quantities from mining operations not requiring a large amount of capital enabling miners to secure a convenient and speedy exchange of their unrefined bullion for coin without deduction for the expense and delay of its transportation to a distance for coinage.

The precious metals are found in the mountainous regions of the Black Hills, in the western part of Dakota, and extend beyond the line into Wyoming in an area which is being thoroughly prospected and which yielded an increased amount from the time of the discovery of gold and silver in the Black Hills.

The gold deposits at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States from the mines of the territory of Dakota amounted in the calendar year 1879 to \$2,436,209.07, in 1880 to \$3,196,188.62 and in 1881 to \$3,474,837. The greater portion of this was produced by a few mines, which having abundant capital and being able to send their gold to the mint or to the New York Assay Office without loss, except in time and cost of transportation would be little benefitted by the establishment of an Assay Office: but to those interested in small or placer mines and in prospecting these regions it would be of great advantage to have a Government Assay Office where the value of their bullion could be accurately ascertained and paid in coin, or bars,

and where reliable assays could be obtained upon which to determine the value of mines and ores and bullion obtained therefrom.

The production of gold during the last year in Dakota equals that produced in any state or territory in which an Assay Office is at present located, and the establishment of an Assay Office at Deadwood would be useful to the miners in that Territory.

Respectfully
Hon. C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs Handy & Cronise

April 1, 1882

No. 24, Nassau Street,

New York City

Gentlemen:

Please furnish me at your earliest convenience an approximate statement of the amount of silver bullion exported by you during the calendar year 1881, and if possible the states or territories from which it was derived, also whether any and how much of the bullion consisted of bars manufactured at the United States Mints or New York Assay Office.

I desire this in order to assist me in determining the total production of the precious metals in the United States and in each state and territory.

Very respectfully
Hon. C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon W. G. Fisher,

April 1, 1882

House of Representatives,

Sir:

In compliance with your request contained in your note of the 31st. ult. that I should furnish you a statement of the annual product of the precious metals from the first organization of the Mint in this country up to 1883, I have the honor to state: that the first notice of the deposit of United States gold at the Philadelphia Mint appears upon its records in the year 1804 when 11,000 dollars was received from the state of North Carolina. From that year to 1823 inclusive the average annual amount received at the Mint did not exceed \$2,500. In 1824 the production commenced to increase and reached its maximum in 1833, producing in the latter year \$475,000. From 1824 to 1829 the domestic production was wholly from the state of North Carolina, but in the latter year gold commenced to be obtained from Virginia and South Carolina, in 1830 from Georgia, and in the succeeding year from Tennessee. The greatest deposits of gold bullion from these states were made in 1834, amounting to \$898,000.

The annual product for the years from 1824 to 1833, was as follows:

1824	-	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	1829	-	<u>\$140,000</u>
1825	-	<u>17,000</u>	1830	-	<u>466,000</u>
1826	-	<u>20,000</u>	1831	-	<u>520,000</u>
1827	-	<u>21,000</u>	1832	-	<u>678,000</u>
1828	-	<u>46,000</u>	1833	-	<u>868,000</u>

Respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 1, 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$7,000, to meet the additional expenses at your Mint during the present month in connection with the coinage of the Silver Dollar, payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar passed February 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,

Wmatio C. Burchard,
Director.

B. F. Stephens, Esq.,
4 Trafalgar Square,
London.

April 1, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 16th ultimo for Cooke's History of Rices purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$87.²⁶ has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Wmatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Washington Gas Co.
City.

April 1, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 31st. ultimo for 40 bushels coke, purchased for the use of the laboratory

in connection with this bureau amounting to \$2.22, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. A. Schneider & Son,
Cor. 12 & Ohio Ave
City.

April 1, 1882

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 4th. January 1882, for 2 doors and frames and flue escape, purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$1. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon,

April 1, 1882

Chairman Sub-Committee having in charge
the Legislative, Executive Appropriation Bill.

Sir:

I desire a modification of the compensation I proposed to be paid to two of the clerks in the New York Assay Office, viz: That the compensation of the Assayer's Computation Clerk should be fixed at \$1,600 instead of \$1,800. I do this because I find that the Acting Assistant Weigh Clerk

who has the more experience and is regarded as the more competent clerk although performing the duties of Assistant Weigh clerk, is drawing pay at \$1,800, as Calculating Clerk, and the clerk who makes the calculations, and who would properly be appointed as the Assay's Computation clerk, is receiving \$1,600, as Assistant Weigh Clerk. The duties of the Assistant Weigh clerk are very responsible. If these clerks continue to perform the same duties as at present they will, under the present modification, receive the same salary as they are now paid.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. N. Dickes, Esq.,
Indianola, Ills.

April 1, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of March 27th. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers, has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces were struck and issued and they are of no more value than other dollars.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Chas J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

April 3, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars,

(\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Louder Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

April 3, 1882

Sir:

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of one Million (1,000,000) standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

April 3, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nevada be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

April 3, 1882

Assayer in charge

U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant I have this day sent you 50 Abstracts of disbursements #53, A.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

April 3, 1882.

Assayer, St. Louis.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$200.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries. 1882 \$200.~

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.

April 3, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Feb., 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 3. 1882

Senator Miller desires retention of Mrs Wadsworth,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Samuel J. Kirkwood,
 Secretary of the Interior
 Sir.

April 3. 1882

Please send me two extra copies of the
 Census Report on the Production of the Precious
 Metals in the U. S. for 1880.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Gen. S. V. Benét
 Chief of Ordnance,
 War Department.

April 3. 1882

Sir.

I transmit herewith copy of a letter received
 at this office from the Superintendent of the Mint
 at Philadelphia in regard to the cost of the bar
 suspending links and case for the army marksmanship
 medals from which it will be seen that for
 the preparation of the bar and suspending links of
 the silver medals will be \$1.50 and the cost of case
\$1.~ additional, these items together amounting
 to half that of the medal. I will thank you to
 advise me as early as practicable whether
 the difference in mounting and casing
 above the value of the medal, will be paid for
 by the War Department.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York,

April 4, 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000, to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York

April 4, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$5,581.⁸⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$2,781.⁸⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>2,100.</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>700.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

April 4, 1882.

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$11,295. payable from the following appro-

provisions made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>1760.</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>7,000.-</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>2,500.-</u>
Parting & refining	1882	<u>30.-</u>

Very respectfully
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
New Orleans.

April 4, 1882

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Feb, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Carson, Nev.

April 4, 1882

Sir,

Your attention is called to my letter of the 16th. of February last, enclosing a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, No 4603, for seventy-seven dollars, value of coins reserved and forwarded to this Office for special assay from the coinage of your Mint during the six months ended December 31, 1881.

As there does not appear on the records of

this office any acknowledgment of the receipt of the draft, you will please inform me whether the same was received.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. Mint,
 Philadelphia

April 4, 1882

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of March at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received

viz:

4 Eagles	\$ <u>40.00</u>
4 Half Eagles	<u>20.00</u>
4 Std Silver Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total	<u>64.00</u>

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

April 4, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

Two Superintendents order books.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. D. B. Culberson,
House of Representatives.

April 4, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th. instant enclosing a letter from F. W. Goodjohn of Pittsburgh, Texas, stating that the Postmaster as well as the bankers at that place decline to receive any silver coin worn flat by constant circulation and in reply I have to say that worn silver coin is received at par by the Treasury Department. There is no discount on the same and why either the Postmaster or the bankers should refuse to receive such coin I am at a loss to know as the same is redeemed by the Treasury of the United States. Mutilated coins, however are not received by the Treasury and the Postmaster would be justified in refusing such coins and the bankers for taking them at a discount.

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular giving the Regulations under which silver coins are redeemed by the Treasury.

The letter of Mr Goodjohn is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Honatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Mr. J. Davis, Esq.,

April 4, 1882

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have your reference of the 20th. ult. of the letter of Mr Wharton, Chairman of the Finance Committee requesting, by order of the Rep. State Cen. Ex. Com. of La., that you furnish him with a

complete roll of all officers and employes in your Department, with rank and pay attached, to be used as a basis for future assessments for voluntary contributions, with your request to be informed whether you have the right to furnish the information asked for.

In reply I have to say that I have conferred with the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, and he is of the opinion that such information ought not to be furnished by you for that purpose; that if not within the letter, it is within the spirit of the prohibition contained in Section 6 of the Act of August 18th., 1876, making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial expenses of the Government, which provides: "that all executive officers or employes of the United States not appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, are prohibited from requesting, giving to or receiving from any other officer or employe of the Government any money or property or other thing of value for political purposes. And any such officer or employe who shall offend against the provisions of this section shall at once be discharged from the service of the United States: And he shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars."

The letter of Mr Wharton is herewith returned,

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 5, 1882

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause the following dies to be prepared as early as possible and transmitted to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, viz:

Half Eagle, obverse	—	10 dies.
Half Eagle, reverse	—	15 dies.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

April 5, 1882

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of February at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this Office have been received, viz:

1 Eagle	<u>\$10.00</u>
4 Std Silver Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total	<u>14.00</u>

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint, Phila.

April 5, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5,517, for \$942.86, being an account of refinery earnings enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the

Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt Mint, Phila.

April 5, 1882

Sir:

C. D. No. 5518, for \$58.¹⁴, being on account of charges other than refinery enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.,
Assayer, Charlotte,

April 5, 1882

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$276.⁶⁰ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$226.⁶⁰</u>
Wages of Workmen	1882	<u>50.-</u>
Contingent Expenses.	1882	

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director

H. Silver, Esq.,

April 5, 1882

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,000, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	<u>\$900.</u>
Wages of Workman	1882	<u>900.</u>
Contingent Expenses	1882	<u>200.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Wendell Snowden, Esq.,

April 5, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo in regard to the cost of the bar and suspending links and case for the army marksmanship medals, I enclose herewith copy of a letter from General Benét, Chief of Ordnance from which you will observe that the War Department will pay the additional cost mentioned.

You are authorized to make six (6) sets of these medals in bronze with cases but without bar and suspending links, as requested by Gen. Benét, which you will furnish at actual cost.

You will also observe that the other medals will be required in June next and you will therefore please proceed to execute the dies as early as practicable in order

that you may furnish the medals by the time
that they are required.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, April 6, 1882
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred
fourteen and ninety three hundredths cents
per ounce fine.

Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, April, 6, 1882
Carson, Nevada.

Offer of Evan Williams accepted,
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise April 6, 1882
24 Nassau Street
New York

Your offers both accepted for Philadelphia.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Bank of California, April 6, 1882
San Francisco

Your offer accepted.
Confirmed Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 6, 1882

Receive from Bank of California one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one fifth cents from Anglo Californian Bank seventy five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and twenty four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Jas B. Colgate & Co.

April 6, 1882

47 Wall Street, New York

Your offer declined.

Honatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Helmrich & Hansen,

Harries,

San Francisco.

San Francisco.

Daniel Meyer,

San Francisco.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,

April 6, 1882

late Supt. U.S. Assay Office,

New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the fourth quarter of 1881, I desire to call attention to Assay report 6,039, on deposit of 910 ounces of gold bullion made on the 10th. of October last.

This report shows that the Assayer indicated that in addition to the refining a toughening charge of 1c. should be imposed. The Abstract sheet also contains in the column of "F.R. Part-

ing and other charges" the mark "71" showing that this charge should have been made, but the amount carried out \$19.¹⁷, does not include it as the refining charge alone, on the quantity referred to raise the whole to standard, at 1¢ for "under 200 gm gold" and 1¢ for "over 100 gm base metal", including deposit charge of \$1.⁰⁰ amounts precisely to that sum.

I will thank you to explain the discrepancy and state why the toughening charge was not collected as called for by the Assayer's report.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

April 6, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your report of charges collected during the month of March, 1882 amounting as shown by the report to \$1,001,~ of which \$945.²⁰ was on account of parting and refining and toughening bullion and \$55.⁵⁰ on account of melting alloy and bar charges.

Certificates of Deposit Nos. 5517 and 5518 forwarded on the 4th instant, covering these charges into the Treasury were \$942.¹⁶ and \$58.¹⁴, respectively.

There seems to be a discrepancy between these certificates and the charges reported on your statement. The charges for parting gold and silver and refining gold amounted to \$518.⁶⁷, on refining silver to \$351.²² on toughening gold to \$44.⁷⁵, on toughening silver to \$30.⁰³, making \$945.²⁰, whereas you have deposited in the Treasury for parting and refining charges \$942.¹⁶

or \$2.³⁴ less than the amount of the parting and refining charges collected as shown on your report. The melting charge was \$10. the alloy charge on gold bullion \$12.¹⁷, on silver bullion \$28.¹⁹ and the bar charge \$5.⁴⁴, making \$55.⁵⁰ whereas you deposited in the Treasury on account of charges other than refining charges \$58.¹⁴, or \$2.³⁴, more than the amount collected.

I will thank you to explain the discrepancy between the certificates and the monthly report.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Francis G. Anthony, Esq.,
 New Haven, Conn.

April 6, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th. instant inquiring whether you could have \$25. or \$30. in 10 cent pieces sent to Los Angeles, Cal. and have referred the same to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury,

April 6, 1882

Sir:

For several years past this Bureau has procured from foreign countries through official sources statistics relating to the coinage, production, consumption, import and export of the precious metals, paper and metallic circulation and other information bearing

upon financial matters. The information thus received was tabulated and published in the reports of the Director of the Mint and has been of great value and service to financiers and statisticians in this country and has also been eagerly sought for from abroad. In order that this work may be continued, I have the honor to request that you will cause to be procured from the Representatives of the United States to foreign countries and transmitted at as early a day as practicable for the use of this Bureau replies to the enclosed series of questions as indicated by the respective lists.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

List of questions to be addressed to the Representatives of the United States at the following countries.

Argentine Republic, Austria, Hungary,
 Australia, Bolivia Brazil, Central American
 States, Chili, Ecuador, Germany, Great
 Britain, India, Japan, Mexico, Paraguay +
 Uruguay, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Russia,
 Spain, Sweden + Norway, Siam, Turkey,
 Venezuela, U. S. States of Columbia, Cuba
 + Cape of Good Hope, China.

For the year 1881.

1. What was the amount of gold coined in denominations and value?
2. What was the amount of silver coined in denominations and value?
3. What was the import and export of gold coin and of gold bullion?

4. What was the import and export of silver coin and of silver bullion?
5. What amount of gold was produced by the mines?
6. What amount of silver was produced by the mines?
7. What was the estimated amount of gold coin in the Treasury, in banks and in circulation, respectively at the close of the year 1881?
8. What was the estimated amount of silver coin in the Treasury in banks and in circulation, respectively at the close of the year 1881?
9. What amount of paper currency, government and other, respectively was outstanding at the close of the year 1881?
10. Were any laws passed during the year 1881 affecting the coinage issue or legal tender character of the metallic and paper circulation? If so please transmit copies.

The same questions except Nos. 5th and 6th to be addressed to the Representatives at Belgium, Algiers, Morocco, Tunis, Tripoli, Greece, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland and Egypt, Hayti.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

April 6, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will

receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise 50.000 Ounces, at \$1.1497

Handy & Cronise 100.000 " " 1.1494

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Mr. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 6, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 40.000 Ounces, at \$1.1493

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

April 6, 1882

Assayer in charge,

U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Fixtures & Apparatus Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31st. 1882.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.,

April 6, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter enclosing that of the Assayer has been received and considered. I waited for the communication for some days, but not receiving any objection to the proposition and expecting to be absent for two or three weeks, I wrote to the Chairman of the Committee on the Legislative bill as I proposed suggesting changes in the compensations of the Assayer's computation and the Assistant Weigh Clerk. I will now submit to him copies of the Assayer's letter and yours and if agreeable to the committee the compensation will be fixed in the bill as in the estimates, unless, which is very improbable, the desired increase can be obtained.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burckard,
Director.Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

April 6, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred, Sixty Six $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,366.⁸⁷) in Gold Coin, and Twenty Seven $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars (\$27.⁹⁵) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars, \$2,394.⁸² being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte

for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 521 dated April 3rd. 1882. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr. G. Gaines, Esq.

April 6, 1882

Citizens Bank of Louisiana,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd of April is received. I suggest to you to present your views in regard to coin metal to one of the Representatives or Senators of your state. This Department can do nothing in the matter without legislation of Congress.

Respectfully,

Honolis C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon

April 6, 1882

Chairman Sub-Committee in charge
of the Legislative, Executive and
Judicial Appropriation Bill.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you copies of letters received from the Superintendent and the Assayer of the New York Assay Office. They ask that the Assistant Weigh Clerk shall be paid a salary of two thousand dollars and the Assayers computation clerk eighteen hundred dollars; but unless that can be done they prefer to have the salaries remain as originally estimated for intending to pay the Acting Assistant Weigh Clerk a compensation at that rate out of wages of workmen.

Truly yours, Honolis C. Burchard,
Director

Hon. Albert S. Willis,

April 6, 1882

House of Representatives,

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in the letter of W. F. Mustane, which you referred to me I have forwarded him a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1880, which contains a table showing the yearly coinage of all the Mints up to the close of that fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor,

April 7, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the month ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

E. C. Jewett, Esq.,

April 7, 1882

Assayer, St. Louis.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Messrs Whitall, Tatum & Co.

April 7, 1882

410, Race St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will manufacture and forward to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. by express six (6) glass siphons as per drawing sent you by this days mail. You will please forward your bill in duplicate accompanied by express receipt to this office.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr Carl Steen Andersen de Bille,

April 7, 1882

Charge d'Affaires & Consul General, Denmark,

2109 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th ultimo to the Superintendent of the Life Saving Service requesting to be furnished with copies of the life saving service medals of the first and second class and by that officer referred to this office, I have the honor to inform you that I have received from the Philadelphia Mint two (2) copies of each of these medals struck in white metal, the cost of which is Three Dollars (\$3) and which are held subject to your order.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Rob. Monis, Esq.

April 7, 1882.

La Grange, Ky.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail a copy of

the report of the Director of the Mint for the years
1877, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881 as requested by Hon.
Albert S. Willis,

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

L. J. Pentecost, Esq.
Cashier Guthrie Co. Bank.
Panora, Iowa.

April 7, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 3rd inst, enclosing draft for \$20.
in return for which you request that pennies
be sent you received and has been forwarded
to the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint for attention.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 7, 1882

Sir:

Yours of the 6th. inst. in regard to the character
of the coal delivered by Mr Ward under his con-
tract and the accompanying letter of the Miller
& Refiner have been received.

If, after notice, Mr Ward continues to deliver
coal of a quality inferior to that called for by
the contract, I think it proper to treat the con-
tract as broken by him and purchase of the next
bidder or in the open market until advertise-
ments are again published for supplies.

As to giving general authority to purchase
supplies of this character at the lowest market
rate there is no alternative but to advertise for all

supplies as required by the Regulations.

The matter has just been considered by the Purchasing and Accounting Officers of the Department. A regulation was proposed which would require Purchasing Officers to certify on the bills every item procured by them not advertised for, that "a public exigency demanded the immediate delivery of the articles". I opposed this, and a majority agreed with me that the law ought to be amended, and the Secretary of the Treasury was requested to ask of Congress a modification permitting the purchase, with^{out} advertisement of articles when the number or value were small and when the Secretary of the Treasury should be of the opinion that advertisement would be of no advantage to the Government. Should such an amendment to the law be passed, the Secretary would have it in his power to dispense with advertising in the case you suggest.

Respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 8, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th. ultimo requesting authority to subscribe for the establishment of a telephonic line between Carson, Virginia City and intermediate points and in reply have to state that your letter does not give sufficient information as to the necessity of the telephone connecting your Mint with the points named, and in the absence

of such information, I do not see why telegraphic communication with Virginia City will not answer the purpose. Upon examination of your recent accounts I do not find any charges whatever for messages sent or received by you between Carson and the points to which you propose to establish telephonic communication and I am therefore of the opinion that a telephone is not needed for your Mint and that the expenditure would not be justifiable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 8, 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Feb. 1882, and forwarded for list as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

April 8, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 674. for \$46.~ being on account of receipts of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal

credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a 'Miscellaneous receipt.'

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

April 8, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 675, for \$403.⁷⁴ being on account of receipts from sales of old material enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford Esq.,

April 8, 1882

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$11,000.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1882	\$ 2,000
Wages of Workmen	1882	6,500
Contingent Expenses	1882	2,500

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

James Crawford Esq.,

April 8, 1882.

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refinery Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

April 8, 1882.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000.~ to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
Carson,

April 8, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Feb, 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

C. J. Coules, Esq.,
Assayer, Charlotte,
Sir:

April 8, 1882

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1882.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Mr Alfred R. C. Selwyn F.R.S. April 8, 1882
Director Geological & Natural
History Survey,
Ottawa, Can.

Sir:

I send you by to-day's mail copies of my last Annual Report and the special Report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the year 1880.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon H. G. Fisher, April 8, 1882
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you as requested, tables showing from the year 1834 to 1881 inclusive, the amount of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at the mints, the estimated production of the precious metals in the United States and the coinage at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Woods Boyd Esq.
Niagara, Neb.

April 8, 1882.

Sir:

Your letter requesting me to give you the title of a work that will instruct you as to the mode in which to test rock for gold and silver is received.

I presume that either Rymptons or Plattner's work on Blow-Pipe Analysis, published by D. Van Nostrand No 4 Murray St. New York, will be most serviceable to you.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

First Auditor:

April 10, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month ending February 28, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.

April 10, 1882

Assayer, Charlotte.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,
Actg. Director.

First Auditor,

April 10, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for the month ending March 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, ~~Actg.~~

Director.

A. Walters, Esq.,

April 10, 1882

Assayer, Boise,
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, ~~Actg.~~

Actg. Director.

First Auditor,

April 10, 1882

Treasury Department,
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver, Col. for the month ending March 31, 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

April 10, 1882

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, *aud.*,
Actg Director.

First Auditor,

April 10, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Refinery Expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City for the month ending February 28, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, *aud.*,
Actg Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

April 10, 1882.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Refinery Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, *aud.*,
Actg Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

April 10, 1882

Assayer, Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8053, for \$69.~ being on account of Assays of ores during quarter ended Mch. 31, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 5th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, ~~Asst. Dir.~~

Actg Director.

A. Holters, Esq.,

April 10, 1882

Assayer, Boise.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$750.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1882 \$250.~

Wages of Workmen 1882, }

Contingent Expenses 1882 } 500.~

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, ~~Asst. Dir.~~

Actg Director.

B. B. Harrison, Esq.,

April 10, 1882

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month

of April, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2,500.~ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1882 \$500.~
 Wages of Workmen 1882 1,000.~
 Contingent Expenses 1882 1,000.~

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

April 10, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint Denver, Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty Eight $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,828.00) in Gold Coin, and Fifty Five $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars (\$55.12) in Silver Coin, making a total of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,883.62) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 534, dated April 5, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Actg Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,
 Supt. Mint U.S. Philada, Pa.

April 10, 1882

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of this date, I have to say that the blank Memorandums of Gold

bullion deposited" ordered on the 16th, ultimo for the use of your mint have not yet been delivered. If the 500 which you was authorized to have printed is exhausted you are hereby authorized to procure an additional supply to last until those ordered can be forwarded to you, which will not likely be in less than two or three weeks.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

A. Landon Snowden, Esq.

April 10, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith additional table of distances to certain towns to guide you in making payments for shipments of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Messrs Whitall, Tatum & Co.

April 10, 1882

410 Race St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 8th. instant, and in reply have to say that lead should not be used in the manufacture of the syphons for the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Jeremiah Colburn Esq.,
18 Somerset St.
Boston.

April 10, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the first of July, 1881, for subscription for vol. 16 of the American Journal of Mineralogy purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$2.~ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Mess. Richards & Co.

April 10, 1882

4 Murray St. New York.

Gentlemen:

Please forward by freight for the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau the following supplies.

100 G. Batterssea crucibles

100 J. " "

100 " " " covers

20 lbs Silica in fine powder

10 " Acid Sodic Carbonate

10 " Test lead "Freiburg"

5 " Black-flux

5 " Rubenza borax

5 " Acetic Acid

5 " Muriatic Acid, C. P.

5 " Sulphuric " " "

5 " Ammonia Water concentrated.

Transmitting bills in duplicate.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

First Auditor.

April 11, 1882

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending December 31, 1881 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 11, 1882

Late Supt. New York Assay Office,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 1881, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 11, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Statistical Expense accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.,

April 11, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of March at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	\$ <u>40.00</u>
3 Eagles	<u>30.00</u>
3 Half Eagles	<u>15.00</u>
4 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>4.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>89.00</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

The Manhattan Fire Brick Works,

April 11, 1882

633 East 16th St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 6th instant for 6 muffles purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this bureau amounting to \$8. has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Mrs E. L. Tompkins,
109 South Fitzhugh St.
Rochester, N. Y.

April 11, 1882

Madam:-

I have received your letter of the 10th. instant and in reply would say that the government of the U. S. never coined a \$50.~ gold piece. Between 1860th and 1865. there was struck by private parties in San Francisco a disc bearing the impression of \$50.~ and which are now known as the California \$50.~ gold piece, but I do not know where you would be able to procure one.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Robert Taylor, Esq.,
19th. and Callowhill Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 11, 1882

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this office the lowest price at which you will furnish for the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. the following articles as per enclosed diagram.

75 Black Head Jackets
75 Black Head Covers
200 Black Head Stirners and
1 Dozen No 30 Black Head Melting Pots.
all to be of the best quality and delivered securely packed and marked to the U. S. Quartermaster in your city for the present.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Mr. J. Davis, Esq.,

April 11, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the correspondence heretofore had in reference to the claim made by S. Goldstein of Sallis, Miss. on account of an alleged shortage by him of Fifty Dollars (\$50.) in a box of 500 standard silver dollars shipped from your Mint.

I have to request that you will furnish this office as early as practicable with a sworn statement or affidavit of the persons employed in your Mint who were in charge of packing and shipping standard silver dollars at the time and copies of all correspondence you may have had with persons to whom silver dollars were shipped on the same day as to Mr Goldstein. You will also please include among the copies sent, certified copies of the Express Company's receipt given you on the delivery of the dollars. You will make your statement as full and explicit as possible in regard to the matter in order that I may report all the facts in the case to the Secretary of the Treasury as requested by him.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Mr. J. Davis, Esq.,

April 11, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your account of ordinary expenses for the month of March, 1882, your attention is directed to the following items of expenses.

In voucher No. 167, bill of Lewis Johnson, under date of February 28 there is a purchase of two (2) chilled rolls and the commission on the purchase of 5 per cent. I will thank you to inform me why these rolls were not purchased direct from the manufacturer, and the amount of the commission saved the government.

In the pay roll of the general department your attention is directed to the amount paid Boyd Robinson, Conductor, for 27 days services at \$3.25 per day \$87.75. The amount should have been \$87.75 and you are hereby directed to pay Mr Robinson the amount due him on your pay roll for the current month.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Belg Director.

A. Linden Snowden Esq.

April 11. 1882

Sept. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will purchase and deliver to the U. S. Quartermaster in your city for shipment to the Mint at Denver, Col. the following supplies:-

300 Sand Pots - 7 inches high, - 8 in diameter on top

4 doz. Battersea Pots - size "L."

4 " " " "

1 Bbl Brax - calcined,

250 lbs Nitrate of Potash - crystallized

150 Pair Fine Mitts

1 " Copper Tings - to open 3 inches

5 Carboys Nitric Acid C. P.

10. Bottles Ammonia

6. Drogen Matrassee

6 Dozen Annealing Cups
 1 Pair Assay Tongs and
 1 Press for making cupels, transmitting the
 accounts in duplicate to this office for settle-
 ment.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Weston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

April 12, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bull-
 ion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be
 increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thou-
 sand dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that
 amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and
 that the same be placed to the credit of the
 Superintendent of the said Mint with the
 Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Weston,

Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 12, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to statement No 193, for the
 months of October November and December 1881,
 showing the amount and cost of the silver
 bullion purchased coined and on hand,
 I will thank you to explain by what process
 you arrive at the cost of the silver coined
 during the quarter.

In the month of October the average

cost of the silver on hand and purchased was \$1015 138 per standard ounce and the 759 375 standard ounces made into coin would have cost at that average \$872 384. In the month of November the average cost of the silver on hand and purchased was \$1.01603 per standard ounce so that the 730.468.75 ounces coined during the month would have cost \$742,178.¹⁶ instead of \$741 883.²⁸ In the month of December the average cost of the silver purchased and on hand was \$1.01574 and the cost of the 730 468 75 coined was \$741 717.⁹¹ instead of \$742 594.⁵³ but during the month you neglected to enter as silver received in charges and bar fractions 5 073 61 at a cost of the same amount, but erroneously entered it in your statement for January, thereby causing the balance on hand December 31, as shown on your December statement, to disagree with the amount called for by your bullion accounts, which I am now examining. The 5073.61 added to the silver purchased during the month of December and the balance on hand at the commencement of the month, makes the average cost of the silver coined during that month (730 468 75 ounces) \$1.0536095 per standard ounce and the cost of the entire amount coined \$741 688.¹⁶ I am at a loss to know upon what theory you have proceeded in arriving at the cost of the cost of the silver coined, as it is not apparent from the statement itself. The proper mode of calculation, and the one which I had thought you were pursuing, is to add together the silver on hand at the

beginning of the month and the amount purchased, and divide it into the cost of the same, which gives the average cost per standard ounce of the amount coined.

In view of the discrepancies in failing to enter the charges and bar fractions on the December statement, I am unable to pass your bullion accounts as rendered, as the balance on them must agree with the balance shown by statement 193 and I return the statements mentioned for your examination and correction also the statements for January and February.

Please let me hear from you promptly on this subject.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 12, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of 500,000 standard silver dollars, the same to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

B. M. Smith Esq.,

April 12, 1882

Bethel, Va.

Sir:

Your letter without date addressed to

the Supt. of the Treasury Department requesting information relative to the value of old coins has been referred to this office.

Old coins which from their rarity command a premium are purchased by numismatists and coin dealers. The Government does not purchase, and I am unable to inform you of the value of the price to which you refer.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

April 12, 1882

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference back to this office of the letter of the Director of the first inst. relative to the establishment of an Assay Office at Deadwood, Dakota, with the request that the probable primary expense of establishing the office, the probable annual expense of carrying it on and the probable income from it to the Government be stated: also whether Assay Offices at points distant from moneyed centres have been of general utility or profit.

In regard to the primary expense of establishing an Assay Office at Deadwood, I have the honor to state that the expense of establishing the Assay Office at Boise City, was \$7,250.90 and at Helena, Montana, \$58,606.18. A building and apparatus similar to that at Helena would be suitable for Deadwood, and the cost may be estimated approximately at \$57,000.

The expenses of the Assay Office at Helena for the fiscal year 1880, were \$24,316.48, for 1881, \$25,163.37; while the income was, for 1880, \$2,803.67, and for 1881, \$2,561.71, and it is probable the annual expense and income of an Assay Office at Deadwood, would approximate these amounts.

In relation to the general utility or profit of Assay Offices at points distant from moneyed centres, I will state that miners are enabled to exchange their bullion for coin and receive its full value less the charges for melting, parting & refining alloy etc and the cost of transportation to one of the coinage mints instead of being compelled to sell to local bankers and bullion dealers. This is done to a large extent by individual miners of limited means, but the production from large operators or organized companies is usually shipped by them directly to the moneyed centres.

The profit accruing from the Assay Offices is limited to the charges for assaying ores and the charges collected for melting, parting and refining, and are the same as those imposed by the Mint and are limited by law to an amount equalling, but not exceeding the actual cost of those operations to the Government. An Assay Office, therefore, is not a source of revenue to the Government.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

April 13, 1882

State by wire balance of silver bullion on hand at close of business yesterday.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Handys Brown.

24 Nassau Street,
 New York.

April 13, 1882

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces for Philadelphia at one fourteen eighty nine accepted other declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank,
 San Francisco.

April 13, 1882

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

Daniel Meyer,

47 Wall Street, New York.

San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 13, 1882

Receive from Daniel Meyer one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce and from Anglo Californian Bank fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and forty five hundredths cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Helmsch + Hansen,
San Francisco

April 13, 1882

Your offer declined.

Confirmed R. E. Preston,
Actg Director.

A. London Snowden Esq.,

April 13, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Handy + Cronise 150,000 Ounces at \$1,1489
Jas B. Colgate + Co. 50,000 " " 1,14875

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 13, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant requesting thanks for the settlement of sale of sweeps, I would state that I made requisition upon the Congressional Printer for a supply of the forms which were sent you for examination some weeks since, and as soon as they are received a supply will

be furnished you which I desire you to use.

The reimbursements for loss on sale of sweeps should be made and entered into the accounts of the quarter in which the sale occurs, and the wastage declared at the annual settlement be reimbursed in the accounts for the quarter ending June 30, as required by the Regulations.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 13, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that the amount be paid from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollars bill of the Weekly Louisianian of New Orleans for advertising in June 1881, proposals for supplies for your Mint amounting to \$6.⁷⁵. I should think that some record would be kept in your ^{Mint}, which would enable you to know what bills were outstanding at the close of a fiscal year, and that efforts would be made to have them rendered and paid before the appropriation is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

April 13, 1882

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your request for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month, I find that the amount which you have asked for from the appropriation for contingent expenses, viz: \$1,000.- exceeds the balance remaining in the Treasury to the credit of that appropriation. The balance in the Treasury is only \$812.36. For this reason I have approved your requisition for \$1500.- the amount requested for salaries and wages, but have not approved any advance from contingent reserving the amount in the Treasury for the expenses of the next two months.

If you have purchased any supplies in the East which will be shipped out during the current fiscal year, I will thank you to inform me and of the estimated amount of freight for the same as it will be necessary to reserve a sufficient amount of your appropriation to pay the transportation.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.

April 13, 1882.

Assayer, Charlotte.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts & Vouchers for the quarter ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

April 13, 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending March 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

G. B. Anderson, Esq.
129 Ohio Street,
Cleveland, O.

April 13, 1882

Sir:

I send you by to days mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1881, as requested in your letter of the 11th. inst.

I am not aware of the passage by Congress of any bill relating to the coinage of 1, 3 and 5 cent pieces.

Probably upon application to your Member of Congress, you might procure a copy of the Blaine Memorial Address.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Millon E. Lord Esq.
Louisville, Ky.

April 13, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Hon. A. S. Willis relative to the value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces were struck and issued and they are of no more value than other dollars.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco,

April 14, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
Carson,

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans.

April 14, 1882

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and one half cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram

Harris:

April 14, 1882

San Francisco.

Your offer received after close of business yesterday and is declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Messrs Kearney & Swartchild
Chicago, Ills.

April 14, 1882

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith Assayers report upon gold chain numbered "49-W. H. & Co." forwarded in your letter of the 8th instant for melt and assay.

Please find enclosed value of said chain, 52 cents.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt U.S. Assay Office.
New York.

April 14, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant transmitting copies of the plans for an additional Mansard story on the Assay Office building at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

B. F. Stephens, Esq.
#4 Trafalgar Square
London, Eng.

April 14, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury Draft (#B 16705) for \$87.26 drawn in your favor in payment of your bill for six (6) volumes, Thomas Tooke's History of Prices. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Robert Taylor, Esq.

April 14, 1882

Cor. 19th & Callowhill Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your offer to manufacture and deliver to the U. S. Quartermaster at Philadelphia, for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco, the following articles is accepted, viz:

75 Black Lead Jackets at 85 ¢ each
 75 " " Covers at 50 ¢ "
 200 " " Stimmers at 50 ¢ "
 12 " " Melting Pots No. 30 at 1.05 each

It is desirable that these articles be shipped as early as practicable. You will please render your account receipted in duplicate to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,

April 14, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,618. $\frac{68}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Twenty-one $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars (\$21. $\frac{76}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,640. $\frac{44}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 559, dated April 10, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at

said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

April 14, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail a letter which was addressed you on the 30th. of last month, but mailed by mistake to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco. Not hearing from you on the subject, supposing of course the letter had reached you I made requisition for the forms enclosed and it was to them my letter of yesterday related.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

First Auditor

April 15, 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending March 31st. 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

April 16, 1882

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending March 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury

April 16, 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Col. be increased ~~Twenty~~ ^{Twenty} Thousand Dollars - (\$20,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge of said Mint in currency or gold coin.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.,
Supt Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

April 16, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith Voucher #100 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March 1881, covering one ream of note paper. As this voucher stands cancelled on

the Abstract of Disbursements it is believed to have been enclosed inadvertently.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.,

April 16, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant transmitting the following special test coins reserved from the coinage of your Mint during the month of March 1882 has been received, viz:

1 Double Eagle	<u>\$20.00</u>
1 Half Eagle	<u>5.</u>
2 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>2.</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

W. P. J. De Land, Esq.,

April 16, 1882

No. 59. W. 12th. St.

Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

Your letter of April 10th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers, has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces were struck and issued, and they are of no more value than other dollars.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,

April 17, 1882

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th. instant stating that there are a number of manufacturing Jewellers in St. Louis who have expressed a desire to obtain fine gold bars in exchange for scrap gold. In reply I have to say that I have submitted your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, who says that inasmuch as these bars would have to be shipped to your office from the New York Assay Office at the expense to the government of \$2.00 per one thousand dollars, he does not deem it expedient to furnish you bars for this purpose unless parties receiving them at your office in payment of gold deposits, would be willing to reimburse the government for the cost of transportation of the bars from New York to St. Louis.

In regard to your request for information as to the proper procedure for obtaining the necessary signature on your books and on the certificates in the case of deposits of bullion sent you by express from a distance I have to state that the practice at the Philadelphia Mint is for deposits sent by express to be made in the name of the agent of the Express Company who makes the necessary signatures on the books and on the certificates and returns the value of the deposits to the "proper parties."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Joseph Kern, Esq.
260 E. Market St.
Louisville, Ky.

April 17, 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th. instant and in reply have to state that mutilated silver coins are purchased as bullion at a price approximating the market rate of silver on the day of their delivery at the mints.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
Taunton, Mass.

April 17, 1882

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 14th. instant stating that you would like the privilege of bidding when next the Department required any crucibles and in reply have to state that the Superintendents of the several mints make all the purchases of crucibles required. You should therefore communicate with them and request that when bids are again solicited that you be advised.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Actg Director.

S. P. Thompson, Esq.
Knoxville, Tenn.

April 17, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th. instant in regard to the refusal of the Superintendent of the

Mint at Philadelphia to receive and recoin mutilated nickel coins has been referred to this office and in reply I have to inform you that there is no authority which authorizes the Superintendent of the mint to purchase and recoin mutilated nickel pieces and such coins are never received at the mint from any one.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Henry A. Wise, Esq.
Canton, Ohio.

April 17, 1882

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th, instant I have to state that the Mint at Philadelphia is not coining 3¢ nickel pieces and the only way you can get them is from the Treasury of the United States in which case the cost of transportation would be at your expense. You can obtain the 1¢ bronze and nickel pieces at the Philadelphia Mint in sums of \$20.- or any multiple thereof, the cost of transportation being paid by the Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.

April 18, 1882

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith duplicate medal fund vouchers for one gold life saving medal of the first class forwarded by you on the 28th ultimo

and two life saving medals of the second class forwarded on the 31st ultimo, properly receipted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. Silver, Esq.,

April 18, 1882

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th. instant stating that you now have on hand about twenty (20) barrels of sweeps, the accumulations since 1877 and asking suggestions as to the best manner of inviting competition for the purchase of the same, and in reply I would state that you should communicate with the different smelting companies furnishing them with the assay report showing the value of the sweeps or with samples that they may be able to make assays for themselves and asking them to make an offer. The best offer for the interest of the government you should accept.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Chas. S. Platt,

April 18, 1882

"4 Liberty Place
New York.

Sir:

Your telegram of current date, addressed to the Director of the Mint, and reading, "Can I see you in Washington, Thursday, on public

business" is received and in reply I have to say that Mr Burchard, the Director, is absent and will not return for 10 days or 2 weeks.

During his absence I am acting and unless you desire especially to see him will attend to any public business.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Handy & Cronise,

April, 18, 1882

24 Nassau Street,

New York.

Sir:

I send you by to-days mail a supply of blank invoices of shipments as requested in your letter of the 13th. instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

W. A. Skidmore, Esq.

April 18, 1882

Secty Miners Association,

320 Sansome St. San Francisco.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 10th. instant I send you by to-days mail a copy of the report of the Director for 1873, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80 and '81.

The supply of the reports for 1874 is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Sam. S. Clapp, Esq.

Box 1,671

Muscataine, Ia.

April 18, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th. inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the value of a silver dollar on which the eagle has eight tail feathers has been referred to this office.

Upwards of a million of these pieces were struck and issued and they are of no more value than other dollars.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs Robert Taylor & Co.

April 19, 1882

Cor. 19, & Callowhill Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 14th. instant, I have to inform you that the articles therein mentioned, viz:

75	Black Head Jackets	at	85¢ each
75	" " Covers	"	50¢ "
200	" " Stirners	"	50¢ "
12	" " Melting Pots No 30	"	\$1.05 "

are for the mint at Denver, Col. instead of the mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Major J. M. Moore,

April 19, 1882

Quartermaster U. S. Army,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested Messrs Robert Taylor & Co. of Philadelphia to deliver to you, properly packed and directed for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col.

75	Black Lead Jackets	at 85¢ each
75	" " Covers	" 50¢ "
200	" " Stirrers	" 50¢ "
12	" " Melting Pots No 30	at 1.05 each

which I will thank you to receive and forward as provided by General Orders No 66, dated June 26, 1876.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Major J. M. Moore,

April 19, 1882

Quartermaster U. S. Army,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to purchase and deliver to you properly packed and directed for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. the following articles, viz:

300	Sand Pots, 7 inches high - 5 in diameter on top
14	Dozen Battersea Pots - size "L"
4	" " " " " "
1	Barrel Borax, calcined.
250	lbs. Nitrate of Potash, crystallized
150	Pair Fire Mitts,
1	" Copper Tongs - to open 3 inches
5	Carboys - Nitric Acid, C. P.

10 Bottles, Ammonia,
 6 Dozen, Mattresses
 6 " Annealing Cups
 1 Pair Assay Tongs and
 1 Press for making cupels,
 which I will thank you to receive and forward as provided by General Orders, No. 66, dated June 26, 1876.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April, 19, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the subject of striking a medal commemorative of the adoption by this country of a great seal, in which he expresses the opinion "that there should be no medal of new design for this purpose, but only a fac simile of the seal as it was adopted by the authorities at that day and that Section 3551 Revised Statutes is permissive of the making of such a medal." He therefore approves of the making of a medal which shall be a fac simile of the great seal of the United States and you are authorized to cause the necessary dies for this purpose to be prepared and when so prepared to strike medals therefrom.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Assayer in charge

April 19, 1882

U. S. Mint, Denver,

Your bullion fund will be increased by a transfer of thirty thousand dollars in currency which will be shipped and placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

April, 19, 1882

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th. inst, in relation to Form of Gold Coin Account, I have to say that your explanation is satisfactory and you are hereby authorized to have the same prepared as originally proposed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

O. W. Earl, Esq.,

April, 19, 1882

Bansallton, Ark.

Sir:

Herewith I transmit the Assayers report upon the sample of ore sent to this office for assay on the 5th. inst. The #3 forwarded in payment thereof has been received.

Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger,

April 19, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Two Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-one $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,321.⁰³) in Gold Coin, and Eighteen $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars (\$18.³³) in Silver Coin making a total of Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-nine $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,339.³⁶) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office, at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 589, dated April 14, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

April 20, 1882

Denver, Colorado,

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,

Barren.

Offer of Williams accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Anglo Californian Bank, April 20, 1882
 San Francisco.
 Your offer accepted.
 R. E. Preston,
 Confirmed Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 Telegram Jas. B. Colgate & Co. Handy & Cronise,
 47 Wall Street, 24 Nassau Street,
 New York. New York.

Telegram Daniel Meyer,
 San Francisco.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, April 20, 1882
New Orleans, La.

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting
 Company fifty thousand ounces at one hundred
 fourteen and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,
 Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, April 20, 1882
San Francisco.

Receive from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand
 ounces at one fourteen and three tenths cents
 per ounce from Anglo Californian Bank fifty
 thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen
 and forty nine hundredths cents per ounce
 fine.

R. E. Preston,
 Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram

Helmick & Hansen,

April 20, 1882

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

April 20, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Gas B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 ounces at \$1,148.75

Handy & Gronise 225,000 " 1,148.75

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

April 20, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to insert advertisements for proposals for one cent blanks in the following newspapers published in your city, viz: "Day Sun" and "Bulletin".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Hon. A. S. McClure,

April 20, 1882

House of Representatives,
Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th. instant, I have forwarded by mail to W. W. Douglass Esq. Indianapolis, a copy of the report on the Production of Precious Metals 1880 and the Annual Report for 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon D. C. Smith

April 21, 1882

House of Representatives,
Sir:

In accordance with your request of to day, I herewith furnish replies to the interrogatories submitted:-

1. How much gold have we for each year in the United States, since the coinage of the silver dollar?

The estimated amount of gold coin in the country at the close of each fiscal year was as follows, viz:

For.. 1878	- - - -	\$ 247, 429, 570
" - - 1879	- - - -	286, 490, 698
" - - 1880	- - - -	358, 958, 691
" - - 1881	- - - -	439, 776, 753.

2. How much gold and silver have our mines produced for each year since the coinage of the silver dollar?

The estimated amount for each fiscal year is as follows;

	Gold	Silver
1878	\$51, 206, 000	45, 281, 000
1879	38, 900, 000	40, 812, 000
1880	36, 000, 000	39, 200, 000

1881 - - - \$36,500,000 . 42,100,000

- 3 What has been the average price of Silver in the English Market for each year for the last ten years?

The London price for sterling silver 925 fine and the equivalent in U.S. money per ounce fine, was:

For	1872	Per ounce British Standard. 60 1/16 pence	Per ounce fine. \$1,32.21
"	1873	59 1/4	1,29.88
"	1874	58 5/16	1,27.82
"	1875	56 7/8	1,24.67
"	1876	52 3/4	1,15.68
"	1877	54 13/16	1,20.15
"	1878	52 2/16	1,15.21
"	1879	51 1/4	1,12.34
"	1880	52 1/4	1,14.53
"	1881	52 1/16	1,15.49

- 4 How much gold have we imported for each year during the last 10 years?

The imports and exports of gold have been as follows:

	Imports.		
1872	\$8,717,458	\$49,548,760	\$40,831,302
1873	8,682,447	44,856,715	36,174,268
1874	19,503,137	34,042,420	14,539,283
1875	13,696,793	66,890,977	53,194,184
1876	7,992,709	31,177,050	23,184,341
1877	26,245,604	36,590,374	344,770
1878	13,330,715	9,197,555	4,133,160
1879	5,624,948	4,587,614	1,037,334
1880	77,119,371	3,639,025	73,480,346
1881	100,031,259	2,565,132	97,466,127

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Hon. Thos. L. Young,
Astor House, New York.

April 21, 1882.

Telegraph me address of Miss Baldige.
R. E. Preston,

Confirmed

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

April 21, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I forward herewith invoice of fine silver shipped to your Mint by Jas. B. Colgate & Co. evidently enclosed to this office by mistake.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.,

April 21, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 723 for \$150.95 being on account of melting charges in March, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 10th. inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 21, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 724, for \$134.⁹⁹, being on account of alloy charges in March 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 10th. instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

April 21, 1882

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 725, for \$13230.⁰⁶, being on account of refinery earnings in March 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 10th. instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.

April 21, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City.

Sir:

C. D. No. 728 for \$9210.⁴⁴ being on account

of parting and refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 14th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

April 21, 1882

Sir:

B. D. No. 759 for \$114.95 being in account of melting alloy and bar charges enclosed in your communication of the 14th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Frank Hammond, Esq.,
Greenville, S. C.

April 21, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this office, and in reply I have to inform you that the Superintendents of the Mints are not authorized to redeem or purchase mutilated nickel coins.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

G. W. Baumhoff, Esq.,

Sec. nd Treasr, Lindell R.R. Co.

#2,305 Washington Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.

April 21, 1882

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th instant addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this office, and in reply I have to inform you that the Mints do not purchase or redeem mutilated nickels. Mutilated silver coins are, however, purchased as bullion at the market rate for silver upon the day of their delivery at the Mints.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Richards & Co.

April 21, 1882

4 Murray Street

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 13th instant for chemicals, purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$60.²¹ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Royce & Marcan,
1408 R. Ave.
City.

April 21, 1882.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 18th. instant for six zincs #4 Grant battery purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this office, amounting to \$3., has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

April 24, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
3000 Certificates of Gold Deposit #1/4 A.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt U. S. Mint, Phila.

April 24, 1882

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One Assayer's Register of Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

April 24, 1882

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft on the Chemical National Bank, New York received at this office from R. S. Morrison, Georgetown Col. who requests that a set of silver and minor coins for 1882 be transmitted him. You will please forward the same to him.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

April 24, 1882

Sir:

I return herewith your letter of the 24th. of February last to the Secretary of the Treasury as requested in your letter of the 20th instant concerning the dies for the great seal medals and which has been referred to this office.

In referring your letter the Secretary requests that you be informed that the Department concurs in your view that the die should be of the original design of the great seal, also to say that he is desirous that the whole correspondence of Lieut. Follen and yourself, and part of that of the Department should be published.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Edward F. Burton,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 24, 1882

Sir:

I have received from the President of the United States a commission appointing you by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, at San Francisco, Cal. bearing date April 14, 1882.

I transmit herewith the blank form of official bond oath of office and affidavits of surety which you will please execute in the penal sum of \$100,000. with two or more good and sufficient sureties and forward the same to this office for approval. Upon approval of your bond your commission will be forwarded to you. It will be necessary after you have qualified and before entering upon your duties for you to receipt to the present Superintendent for the coin and bullion in his possession, and before you can do that it will be necessary that it should be weighed and counted. It is the intention of the Department to be represented at such count and whoever is sent will bring your commission and inform you as to the details of making the transfer.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

P. S. I will thank you to telegraph at our expense, the day your bond is forwarded.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco

April 24, 1882

Sir:

If the new "Registers of Silver Bullion Purchases" sent to you about the 1st. of January have not been used I will thank you to return them that the changes mentioned in letter from this office of the 15th. of March last, may be made. Please give this early attention so that the entire set may be sent to you by the 1st. of July.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

R. S. Morrison, Esq.

Georgetown, Col.

April 24, 1882

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing drafts for \$5.~ with the request that a set of U. S. silver and minor coins for 1882 be transmitted you has been received and I have forwarded the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the request that the coins be sent you.

I send you by today's mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans,

Sir:

C. D. No. 69, for \$6.[~], being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 12th. instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.,

April 25, 1882

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 70, for \$48.⁴⁵, being on account of parting & refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 12th. inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & refining bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.